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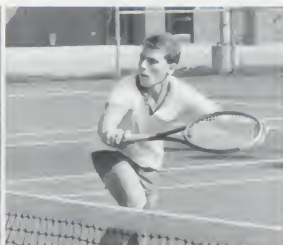
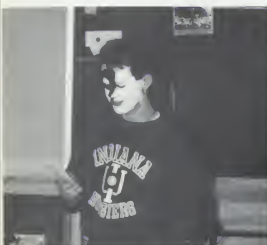
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# Portage High School

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# Students create an everlasting image

by Carrie Zebley and Tracey Westforth

The students at Portage High School have got the look. Every one of the 2,594 students has his or her own image they like to portray. However, put them all together and you get a significant picture that could not be found anywhere else.

What is the look of PHS and its students? It could be the look of the new buffet bar offered during lunch hours for students.

There were a few new students added to the school, which added a lot to the whole picture being portrayed at the school. These students were added to the school because of the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) classes. The program was added to give students who had previously attended the SELF school in Valparaiso a change to attend PHS. This was a pilot program to see how well it went. If the results were good, there may be other programs in area schools.

The LRE students were taught many skills such as how to apply makeup, to purchase groceries and to do other activities that will help them in their future. They were also taught job skills so that they will be able to function on their own after school.

Television and computers could have changed the way that the students viewed things at PHS. A new computer room was opened to alleviate the problem of not being able to find a computer to work on.

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At the Homecoming dance seniors Marc Timberman and Jackie Hufford dance to a song played by the DJ. Students requested their favorite songs to be played.





About 405 couples attended the Winter Wonderland Christmas dance. Couples such as Jim Wyatt/KimYuhasz and Steve Nemeth/Suzi Ritchey danced the night away in the Commons.

Sophomore Shane Christlieb is in pain after receiving his measles vaccination. Free measles shots were given to all interested students. The shots were given to students in nearby communities also. (Miller photo)

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Channel One television was slated to be added to the curriculum in March as an educational project. A delay in installation of 81 TV's at East and 29 at West kept viewers from tuning in to these daily news briefings.

The school was given a \$58,076 grant by the state for improvements such as ISTEP testing scores. The school was allowed to use this money in almost any way that it chose.

STOP (Students Taking on Problems), a new club against the use of drugs, was formed. This was the first club ever sponsored in the school against the use of drugs. The school also participated in Red Ribbon Day on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The students and staff wore red ribbons to show their support in the fight against drug use. This event was held on a national level, and many people in the community could also be seen wearing the ribbons.

Because of an outbreak in the area of the measles, the Porter County school systems decided to administer a measles vaccination free of charge to all students who wished to participate. The students were required to have forms signed by their parents. More than 1,000 students had this vaccination.

The look of the school is constantly changing, and along with that, so is the area around it. A Kwik Stop mini mart along with the Portage Village and the Port Crossing Apartments were constructed on Airport Road across from the school. Also, the Building Trades classes built a house in Portage and are working on a small subdivision which will change the look of the area around the school.

Working on a house in his Building Trades Class is senior John Mitchell. The class builds one house a year and then tries to sell it. The school system donated an area of land to the class so that they will have an area to continue building their houses in the future. (Sanders photo)





The Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) classes provided an opportunity for many students to prove themselves. The LRE students were taught in this school for the first time as a trial for similar programs in other area schools. The students worked along with peer tutors such as senior Michelle Eckhart. (Miller photo)

Lunchtime was a favorite part of the day for many students. Sophomores Rich Rennier and Jeremy Gomez help themselves at lunch. A buffet style bar was added to the menu. There were different items such as a pasta and a potato bar.

# Students create memorable image

by Carrie Zebley

Each student had a life of his own, and that was the reason for each having his own distinct look. The events in the students' lives ranged from dates to playing in intramural sports. There were many activities and events that were changed or added this year that affected the students' lives. Each student's involvement in school was a very important role in the life of the teen.

One major school activity that was changed was the graduation ceremony. For the first time in this building, the ceremony took place outside on the football field. Principal Forrest Rhode said that the senior class "is a better class and has better leaders than I've ever seen while in this building."

The second Winter Homecoming was "more of a success than the first one—because there were a lot more of activities for everyone to participate in than before," said junior Sherry Guernsey, coordinator of the event.

One thing that wasn't seen toward the middle of the year was the radios in the commons. Radios were banned both during lunch and before and after school because students would try to play their music louder and top everyone else.

There were a great many events that added to the students' lives. The events helped to create an atmosphere that cannot be seen at any other school.

**Walking down the aisle at graduation is one of the memorable moments in most everyone's life. Joie Stark, along with 62 other students, participated in the mid-term graduation ceremonies held on Jan. 28.**





**GO MAD** was the theme of the state Student Council convention. Junior Sherry Guernsey and a Student Council Region Representative portrayed the Blues Brothers in an act at the convention. Portage was the first school to host the convention twice. (Miller photo)



**Crowning of the King and Queen** at Winter Homecoming was done during halftime of the Jan. 26 game. Senior Dave Jennings was chosen King, while Dawn Ford, also a senior, was chosen Queen.

# Those Lazy Days Of SUMMER

**Shannon Welche**

Three whole months with no Monday mornings! How did students cope with this dilemma? Many students occupied themselves by spending time at the beach, parties, or just hanging around with friends. Others enjoyed their time off by simply lying around the house watching TV and eating chips.

The beach and beach parties, in addition to backyard swimming pools, provided tons of fun on those hot summer days (and nights). Junior Jamie Cole said that during the day he went water-skiing and at night he went "out to the beach for parties."

While many athletes were practicing in preparation for the fall season, Adrienne Samardzija, sophomore, spent a week of her summer at tennis camp at Notre Dame. "Tennis camp was fun because I met so many

people and I did weird things. That was the best part of my summer," she said.

Junior Joe Young spent his summer building a car for himself. In addition, he took drivers' education and worked part of the summer at Save More. Joe said, "When I was really bored, I visited my friends. Then we were all bored together."

Senior Jenny Luellman held two jobs during the summer. "It helped a lot with extra money, but I didn't have a lot of free time to do the things I wanted to do," said Jenny.

Vacations were a major part of summer break. Heather Franz, junior, spent part of her summer in Alaska, which, she said, was much more exciting than the summer she had planned taking drivers' ed.

"When I got bored I watched TV and went

to the mall and movies a lot," said Adrienne.

Those summer days drifted into fall, and with this change came the return of the morning announcements. The first day of school, Aug. 24, came exceptionally early compared to past years. The new school year was greeted differently by students. Some were excited and enthused about the first day, while others dragged their half-awake bodies into class just in time for the 7:35 bell.

Jamie said, "Vacation started getting boring toward the end. The day was boring, but the night was a different story. The first day of school, I was really excited to return because I got to see a lot of people that I missed. At first school was kind of fun, but now I think it's a drag. I am already wishing for summer again!!!"



Sanders

Summer practices were a part of life for many athletic teams. The JV football team prepared itself for the season by practicing with the tackle sled.



Patt

The Junior Miss pageant was held during the summer. Many girls participated in the three-night competition. Senior Heather Chaykowski performed a dance routine for the talent section of the show.



Sanders

**Making Dairy Queen Blizzards**, senior Amy Clapp earns some extra money during the summer. Many students took on summer jobs to help increase their spending money.



Cassio



**Jumping a ramp** in front of his house, junior <sup>Cassio</sup>David Garcia spent many summer days improving his skating skills. One of the new additions to Portage skate life was the building of The Shred Zone, a skate park run by '88 graduate John Skolak. This came about as a result of the Portage ban on skateboarding on public property.

The first day of school was a day for breaking the rules, especially the tardy rule. It was a common sight to see students, upperclassmen as well as underclassmen, racing against the clock. This was only one of the many students seen running to class.

# Homecoming full of SPIRIT

by Shannon Welche

With a winning score of 19-0, many outsiders would think that the game would be enough to make any Homecoming complete. However, the game was only the reason for the celebration, not the actual celebration.

Beginning with inside-out day and ending with the traditional red-and-white day, Spirit Week was an opportunity for many students to show pride in their school by dressing according to a different theme every day. The days, decided on by Student Council, included Batman day, neon day and college day. The seniors won first place in this week-long competition.

Hallway decorations, which were put up the day before the game, added an air of enthusiasm as students wandered through the building. With their display in the commons,

the seniors won the hall decorations competition for classes, while the French Club was the best organization with their version of the Notre Dame cathedral, complete with music, stained glass and lighting.

The parade was held on Central Avenue on Thursday, chalking up another victory for the seniors with their float. Despite the rain, many attended to view the floats, band and cars carrying important passengers, including the Homecoming queen candidates and football players.

The annual pep session and bonfire were a spirit-filled kick-off for the game the following night, giving a chance for students and teachers alike to burn off their excitement and energy. The seniors made a clean sweep of the session, giving senior class president Jason Reese an opportunity to cream the los-

ing class president, sophomore Tammie Cosich, with a pie in the face. While the juniors made letter people on the gym floor during the Portage cheer, the seniors showed their pep by rushing the floor after they finished their chant.

After the rainy afternoon, the bonfire was resistant to start, but after about the fourth try, it produced plenty of flames by which to burn the Viking dummy.

Halftime provided entertainment for the spectators with the crowning of the queen, Dawn Ford, and Mr. Football, Tony Girgenti. Dawn was chosen by the entire student body from among the queen candidates, Laura Blaszkiewicz, Myrna Hernandez, Michelle Recio, Susanna Rains, Jeanie Smenyak and herself, while Tony was chosen by his teammates.



Portage Indians tackle a Viking runner to stop him from running the ball. With a winning score of 19-0, Portage's tackling techniques worked well for the team.



Homecoming queen candidates Myrna Hernandez, Laura Blaszkiewicz, Dawn Ford, Jeanie Smenyak, Michelle Recio and Susanna Rains await the announcement of the queen during halftime.



Cheering the team on to victory, junior Kelli Mattix and senior Amy Pollock show their school spirit. Cheerleaders played a large part in Homecoming festivities, from riding in the parade to T-Ping players' homes.



Taking a break from the excitement of the Homecoming dance, sophomore Colleen Fosburgh, junior Anita Rubalcava, and sophomores Jerry Truax and Marie Hale rest in the commons at East where the dance was held.

Spreading his enthusiasm, senior Mike Smith plays the "charge" tune on his horn during the game. Mike kept up the tradition of the mascot by attending games, pep rallies, and other special events through the year.

# Dressed With PRIDE

by Heather Lorange

A school full of people wearing neon clothes! Is this an incredibly trendy place or what? No, these people aren't the trendsetters of tomorrow; they are just showing their school spirit.

Spirit Week included neon day, Batman day, inside-out day, college day and the traditional red-and-white day. Spirit Week was an opportunity for classes to engage in some friendly competition while mentally psyching up for the game.

The days were chosen by Student Council early in the year. Batman day was chosen mainly because of the junior float which followed the same theme, while red-and-white

day, inside-out day and college day were traditional days. Neon day was new.

Many students found that Spirit Week was a good way to be a part of the activities of Homecoming Week if they were not involved in football. They could show school spirit by simply dressing up.

Each day a contest was held to see which class had the most people dress up. The winner was announced during the last hour of each day. Monday (neon day) seniors won 44%. Tuesday (inside-out day) freshmen won 33%. Wednesday (Batman day) went to the juniors. Thursday (college day) seniors won 42%, and Friday (red-and-white day) seniors won.

Thursday after school, all classes and many clubs participated in decorating the hallways and commons. Seniors won this competition with their commons display.

On Friday an "overall" winner was announced. This included dress up days, class floats, hall decorations and the loudest class at the pep session. The overall winners were the seniors.

The week was topped off Friday night with a football game against Valparaiso, and the crowning of the Homecoming queen, senior Dawn Ford, and Mr. Football, senior Anthony Girgenti.



Castor

Lending a helping hand, sophomore Darren Schmidt hangs up decorations in the band hall.



Mills

Showing his school spirit, sophomore Jeff Root eats lunch on Batman day, which was won by the sophomores with 37%.



Participating in Spirit Week, senior Heather Chaykowski hangs decorations in the student commons. The seniors were the overall winners for Spirit Week.



Castor



Miller

During the cutest baby contest held during lunch hours, senior Chris Slankowski discusses the football players' pictures with seniors Robin Elliott and Melissa Fisher. All proceeds went to help victims of Hurricane Hugo. The winner, announced at the pep session, was senior Santana Sosa.

Hanging up decorations, senior Emily Jordan and sophomores Darren Schmidt and Melanie Marsden spend time after school in the band hallway.

# Winter Homecoming

## A TRADITION

by Shannon Welche

From the nominating of candidates to the spirit of hall decorations, the second annual Winter Homecoming proved to be yet another successful Student Council sponsored event.

The entire week was designed to honor each winter sport, with Friday reserved for the boys' basketball game against the Chesterton Trojans, complete with halftime ceremonies.

Several new activities were added to the second Winter Homecoming, which, according to coordinator, junior Sherry Guernsey, was incomparable to the first. Among these was the "Hot Legs Contest," in which students had the opportunity to vote for the

Mr. Dan Merrill and was announced during halftime. In addition, hall decorations were open to more clubs and organizations. Student Council also held dress-up days, including a college sweatshirt day and red and white day.

Junior Achievement (JA) profited from the burst of school spirit by selling Winter Homecoming T-shirts. Student Council also sold "Seniors" T-shirts next to the JA stand during lunch hours and at the game.

Halftime was the most festive time for many people, culminating in the crowning of King, Queen, Prince and Princess. Candidates were chosen during lunch hours by the respective class members, and voting was done by the entire student body in Friday's

Candidates for king included seniors Jeff Biggs, Matt Boger, Dave Jennings, Tony Levenda and Jason Reese.

Queen candidates were Dawn Ford, Myrna Hernandez, Susanna Rains, Michelle Recio and Chris Slamkowski, seniors.

Choices for prince were juniors Mike Alaniz, Mark Broda, Deother Cook, Milo Johnson, Jim Kobialka and Rick Yudt.

Princess nominees included Alicia Ewen, Dina Fessler, Carrie Gagna, Sherry Guernsey and Jamie Verboon, juniors.

After being escorted onto the floor by parents, the winners were announced. King and queen were Dave Jennings and Dawn Ford, while prince and princess were Rick Yudt and Dina Fessler.



Enjoying the Homecoming dance, juniors Shannon Bogucki and Lee Johnston dance after the victorious game in the commons at East.



Posing for pictures, Queen Dawn Ford and King Dave Jennings, seniors, take part in the halftime ceremonies of Homecoming.



Prince candidate Deother Cook walks on to the floor during the halftime ceremonies. Escorted by their mothers, the candidates anxiously awaited the announcement of prince, junior Rick Yudi, and king, senior Dave Jennings.



Looking for an open player to pass to, junior Rick Yudi shows just a sample of the abilities that led the Indians to a 53-39 victory over the Chesterton Trojans.

Forming a time-out pyramid, the varsity cheerleaders and lifters use block letters to inspire the crowd and lead the team to a Homecoming win.

# Fall Play Full Of NEW IDEAS

by Adrienne C. Patty  
and Shannon Welche

Lights! Camera! Action! Okay, so there weren't any cameras rolling, but there sure was plenty of action on the stage for the fall play.

With only 12 roles to fill, only the best actors and actresses had a chance at a part. However, that didn't stop 87 students from all four grades from auditioning for **Play It Again, Sam**. Sophomore Josh Jordan, who played the part of Humphrey Bogart, said, "I went out for the play because I had a sudden urge to express myself on stage."

Being a small one, the cast had very few problems getting along. "I really enjoyed working with all of the people in the play. Everyone is so much fun," said junior Julie

Popov.

Julie was cast as Linda, the female lead. This was her first time appearing on stage. Veteran of the stage Tim Matuga, senior, was chosen for the lead, Allan Felix.

Mr. William Bodnar took over for Mr. Joe Stevens to direct the play. Mr. Bodnar was a former director for the plays and musicals, and returned to his chair for only the one play. Mr. Stevens took the job of technical director and resumed his directing job for the spring musical. Mr. Bodnar also chose the play and contributed much of the editing. The original screenplay for **Play It Again, Sam** was risqué with roles such as a nymphomaniac and a somewhat psychopathic woman as only two of the main girls Allan encountered on his search for the perfect love. While Mr.

Bodnar kept all of these roles and many more, he edited them to make the play appropriate for a high school production.

Although the cast was mostly beginners, the whole cast agreed that the show was great.

Many of the cast members described the theater as an unforgettable experience.

"I went out (for the play) because I was in **The Odd Couple** last year, and I remember how much fun I had," said senior Marcy Horvath.

Marcy played the part of Nancy, Allan's ex-wife, who appears in dream scenes throughout the play.

The dream scenes, which formed the basis for the Woody Allen comedy, were mostly Allan's fantasies.



On yet another first date, seniors Tim Matuga and Stephanie Marshall get to know each other on the stage of **Play It Again, Sam**.



Ouch! Sophomore Josh Jordan and junior Julie Popov practice for the last time during Thursday night's dress rehearsal.



While sophomore Josh Jordan, a.k.a. Humphrey Bogart, looks on, senior Tim Matuga contemplates his various dates.



Student directors Martha Ralph and Charlene Irvine, seniors, practice the opening speech at dress rehearsal. Not only were the students directors new to the PHS stage, the director, Mr. William Bodnar, was somewhat new. Bodnar, who was the former director, took his chair back again. Mr. Joe Stevens, the regular director, took the position of technical director for this production.

Senior Tim Matuga talks to junior Julie Popov while sophomore Josh Jordan, a figment of Tim's imagination, looks on. Many parts of the play were adapted in order to make the play more suitable for high school production.

# Students Show SPIRIT

by Heather Loran

The song of the year, sung by Bette Midler, spoke of the "Wind Beneath My Wings"—the encouragement that told students that they could really make things happen for themselves and their school.

Senior Leora Hiltzley showed her school spirit by going to games to cheer on the teams with her friends. She also decorated the commons and homes of football players during Homecoming week.

Senior Tony Girgenti said, "I showed school spirit by competing in sports such as football and wrestling."

For every football or basketball game that was on a Friday, students were asked to wear red and white to show their spirit. Also, dress up days such as college and neon day during Homecoming week sparked enthusiasm.

Kim Lenburg, sophomore, said she liked to participate in dress up days because they

were a change of pace to wear something different from her ordinary school clothes.

Sophomore Eric McCorkle liked the dress up days "because they give you a chance to be a little crazy."

Tony said that being on an athletic team brought out his school spirit because of the time he invested. He also said that when the crowd showed school spirit, it increased his ability to play because he knew he was doing something right.

Kim disagreed. She said, "Being on a team means you're good at playing that sport. Some people don't make the teams, and they still show school spirit. When you're playing, you're not worried about the crowd showing spirit. You're concentrating on the game and winning."

Freshman Maribel Ortiz said that cheerleaders drew a lot of spirit from the crowd because they got the crowd involved in the

game.

Eric commented that most students at PHS showed a lot of spirit simply by standing by their school. He said one example of school pride was at the basketball sectional at Valparaiso. He said PHS really showed off its spirit there.

Leora commented the best way to show school spirit was to "get involved by going to games and supporting the teams. Also, buying Homecoming shirts and decorating players' homes."

Senior Tracy Kunstek said the best way to show school spirit was to "believe in your school. If you do not, there would be no school spirit."

All students agreed that school spirit was a big part of the school and the key to making it successful.



Showing off their pride in the school are the Portage Marching Indians. They received a division one at the District Marching Competition.

During a time out, junior Roger Peek and sophomore Bill Wilson lift Kelli Mattix and Michelle Roque, both juniors, to boost the crowds' school spirit.





One way to show school spirit was to be on an athletic team. Senior Jamie Turner was a member of the Pom Pon squad.



Even though senior Santana Sosa was out part of the season because of a leg injury, he was still a big part of the team. He showed his school spirit by cheering his teammates on.

Preparing for their song and dance skit are sophomores Carrie Martin and Melissa Lemond. They performed their skit "Boyfriends & Bobbysocks" at the variety show Mar. 9.

# 'Anything Goes' Full of CONTROVERSY

by Shannon Welche and Heather Lorange

Controversy and rumors surrounded the spring musical, **Anything Goes**. Lyrics to one of the songs in the play provided cause for three chorus members to drop out of the play, in addition to providing controversial publicity for the May entertainment.

While a few lines of the song "Anything Goes" seemed to arouse feelings against the play in a few individuals, the majority of the cast, crew, and audience felt the lines were appropriate for a school production.

Sophomore Dusti Duffee said the play has nothing objectionable in it. "I have strong morals, and I'm old enough and mature enough to perform in this play," Dusti said. "I have only participated in one other play in fifth grade, and I liked it, and I'm not going to quit a play that has lyrics that might be a little harsh," Dusti added.

"Mr. Stevens chooses these plays for the

benefit of the kids. Their purpose is to entertain the community and teach the students how much fun theatrics can be. The play **Anything Goes** should not be looked upon in a religious point of view. Too many students have taken the play too literally," said junior cast member Liz Shield.

The controversy of the play seemed to be over-emphasized to many, and many felt the play was not at all controversial.

The play contained many unique characteristics, one being that it was the school's first musical ever to contain tap dancing. The majority of the cast was not familiar with tap, so the dance routines added extra time and effort to prepare for the play.

The play is about an evangelist who discovers there is more money to be made than she finds in religious work. Reno, played by senior Becky Kobialka, finds work singing at nightclubs and bars. The play takes place on

a 1930's cruise ship and contains nearly every form of entertainment known to the stage, including dancing, singing, comedy and romance.

The play revolves around Billy, played by senior Dan Olson, and Hope, senior Beth Hannon, meeting together with the help of Reno and Moonface, played by Isaac Pagan, also a senior. "To me, the fact that Reno is a former evangelist is a subplot," said Becky. "It's about friendship and going out of your way for your friends," she added.

The classic play, through the hard work and long hours of rehearsing by the cast, packed the house during all three nights of its performance. Despite much pre-performance controversy, the play seemed to most not only non-controversial, but a great evening of entertainment and laughs.



Before the final dress rehearsal, Mr. Stevens, the director of the play, gives the cast a final instructional speech. Junior Adrienne Patty said, "The final dress rehearsal was hectic because of the costumes, but everything turned out great."



Scene 4 of the play contained a song and dance number called "Heaven Hop" performed partially by the chorus. Junior Liz Shield said that the song was the most fun of the entire play.



**Threatening Billy Crocker**, played by senior Dan Olson, public enemy 13, Moon Martinez, played by senior Isaac Pagan, attempts to get attention by trying to prove that he is a well-known gangster.



**Enjoying a romantic evening**, sophomore Rosie Sosa and senior Brian Terwilliger get to know each other in a bar during the first scene.

**In the first scene** Reno, played by senior Becky Kobiakka talks to Billy, otherwise known as Dan Olson, also a senior, while bartender junior Jim Kobiakka looks on.

# Fame, Fortune Found: LIP-SYNCING

by Nikki Silverthorn

A buzz of excitement filled the auditorium on Friday, Mar. 16. Girls were screaming and guys were cheering, as the different groups appeared on stage at the fifth annual Air Band contest.

Airband 90, which boasted 15 different groups, had a full house. There were approximately 1,000 people there, which brought in about \$1,900 gross.

In first place, with a \$100 prize, seniors Matt Boger, Troy Gregory, Phil Grenchik, Ed Jenkins and Tony Levenda and junior Jim Kobialka performed "YMCA".

The second place winners for the second year in a row, received a cash prize of \$75. Senior Mark Deleon, freshman Tony Deleon,

sophomores Erik Stoddard and Sean Johnson performed Stevie B's "Springlove". Later that night, after all the winners were revealed, they also lip synced "Get Busy" by Mr. Lee.

The third place winners of Air Band 90 received \$50 to split among its members. Seniors Jeff Biggs, Mickey Gonzalez, Drake Overturf, Randy Scott and Brian Terwilliger took third place lip syncing to New Edition's "If It Isn't Love". Later in the show, they also performed "Earth Angel" by New Edition.

In fourth place, freshmen Jason Arriaga, Steven Batista and Louis Rodriguez, junior Edgar Batista and senior Isaac Pagan received a \$25 cash prize. This group of students performed to Dino's "I Like It". At the

end, they also lip synced "Sending All My Love", by Linear.

Finally, senior Elvis Virostko took honorable mention with his life like performance of "Got a lot of livin to do", by Elvis Presley.

Senior Gene Molnar, who was one of the performers in Tone Loc's "Wild Thing", said his favorite part of being in the Air Band contest was "the crowd."

Jeff agreed with Gene. He said his favorite part of being in Air Band was "getting in front of the crowd."

A couple of weeks after the Air Band was held, videotapes of the whole show were sold for \$12 in Mr. Joe Stevens' office.



Miller

Performing to the song of "Springlove" by Stevie B are junior Tony Deleon, senior Mark Deleon and sophomores Sean Johnson and Erik Stoddard. They received a second place.



Miller

"Earth Angel" was performed by seniors Randy Scott, Mickey Gonzalez, Drake Overturf, Brian Terwilliger and Jeff Biggs. The group received a third place.



Portraying the role of Mad Dog, the Master of Ceremonies is Mr. William Bodnar. His duties included addressing the audience and announcing the acts and winners.



Miller



Miller

Performing to the song "Wild Thing" by Tone Loc was senior Wally Derifield. This was Wally's third year of being in the contest.

Performing during the air band contest are seniors Matt Boger, Tony Levenda and Phil Grenchik. The group won with its interpretation of the Village People.

# Students on the JOB

by Heather Lorange

"Money: how can I get more of it?" seemed to be the problem on many students' minds. Questions like "How am I supposed to ask her out, if I can't even pay for a date?" or "How am I supposed to go to Prom if I can't pay for a dress?" were often asked.

To solve this problem, many students had jobs. Senior Tiffany Shuster worked at Miller's Merry Manor, a nursing home in Portage. Tiffany said she hoped it would give her good references for her nursing career.

Senior Julie Lorange worked 30-40 hours a week at Walgreen Drug Store in Portage. She

said, "I wanted a job at someplace other than a fast food restaurant to make extra money for college."

Many students found that having a job had its disadvantages, also. Senior Amy Brantley said, "My weekends are shot. I don't have time to spend with my best friend or my boyfriend. Sometimes I miss important events in my family." Amy worked 20-35 hours a week at the Pizza Hut in Portage. Amy also said she learned how to be responsible and how to manage money.

Senior Wally Derifield said his job at Bronko's affected his grades a lot. He got

home late and didn't have time to study as much as he should have.

Jobs also helped students learn things. Senior Melanie Lamb said it was a challenge to have her job at Pizza Hut and still keep up her grades. She said it helped her to learn self-discipline.

For the reasons above and more, a majority of students had jobs. These jobs were at a great variety of places. Students worked a variety of hours, both after school and weekends. Even though students had to sacrifice a few things, many of them found a job worthwhile.



Mitchell



Sander

**Making a submarine sandwich,** senior Kim Nelson shows her dedication to her job. Kim worked after school and weekends at Bronko's Restaurant in Portage.

**Satisfying a customer,** senior Gene Molnar finds a receipt. Gene worked weekends at Scene 1 Video in the Portage Mall.



Sanders

Working can be fun, also. Seniors Jackie Hufford and Kurt Squire take time out to pose for a picture. They worked at Portage Drugs evenings and weekends.



Sanders



Sanders

Taking a customer's order was one of junior Chris Taggart's many jobs at Wendy's. Chris was also expected to cook food and clean tables.

Checking out a customer, senior Joann Metaxakis rings in prices. Joann worked in the cosmetics department at Walgreen Drug Store in Portage.

# Moonlight Magic With OPEN ARMS

by Heather Lorange and Shannon Welche

Ahh--Prom, the magical evening awaited by students for so long has finally arrived. The months of planning, shopping, wondering if you and your date will be getting along, or if you will even have a date are finally over and the special night is here at last.

The day of Prom it rained continuously, and many students were afraid it would not quit. It did clear up some, but remained chilly. It sprinkled off and on throughout the entire evening.

Prom was held at the Porter County Expo Center for the third year in a row. Arrival time was between 6 and 7, with Mr. Ralph Mundi announcing couples as they entered. After everyone had arrived, there was a half-hour period during which the panoramic picture of the entire group was taken. Before dinner, which was scheduled for 7:30, seniors Jason Reese, Chris Ford, Drake Overturf, Mickey Gonzalez, Jeff Biggs, Ed Jenkins, Randy Scott and Brian Terwilliger entertained couples by singing "You've Lost That Loving Feeling."

After dinner, there was dancing from 8:30 to 10. After the dance floor was somewhat

cleared, the royalty was announced. Senior Jeanie Smenyak was voted Queen from among herself, Chris Slamkowski, Laura Blaszkiewicz, Shellie Untch, Dawn Ford, Susanna Rains and Marcy Horvath. King was Brett Homann, who beat out Brian Lane, Jeff Biggs, Phil Grenchik, Mark Roark and Chad Patsel.

Junior Angie Foster was announced Princess. Her court consisted of Dina Fessler, Alicia Ewen, Sherry Guernsey and Jamie Verboon. Prince was Milo Johnson, who was chosen from Pete Gudinas, Shannon Goins, Jim Kobialka and Joe Wozniak.

After the coronation, Prom-goers enjoyed more dancing until 11, when the garter ceremony took place. Using very skillful hands or teeth, the men removed their dates' garters, which were theirs to keep as souvenirs of the special evening.

While there was no after-prom, most students found entertainment to keep them busy. Many students went to Chicago for carriage rides, while some went simply to drive around the city. Many others went to dinner, or back to their houses for a relaxing night.

The day after held many activities, one of

the largest of which was spending the day at Great America. Many other couples spent the day in Chicago, while others went to Turkey Run or had cookouts or parties at home or the beach.

Different people had different favorite parts of Prom. The garter ceremony was a popular event with many students. Karen Richman, junior, said, "The most memorable time at Prom for me and my boyfriend was the garter ceremony when my boyfriend bit my garter off."

Senior Art Johnson had similar feelings. "The garter ceremony was pretty cool and something I'll remember for a long time," he said.

Tammy Miles, junior, said, "The most memorable time at Prom for me was when the theme song ("Open Arms") was played and my friend and all of our dates were together all at once."

Whether students went with steady boyfriends or girlfriends, or just a friend, the evening is one that will be remembered by most for long to come.



Gleefully smiling, junior Milo Johnson prepares to remove junior Julie Popov's garter. While Milo, like many others, used teeth as the tool for removal, some students preferred the traditional method, the hand.



Homecoming royalty poses for pictures after their announcement at the Valpo Expo Center. Juniors Angie Foster and Milo Johnson were named Princess and Prince, while seniors Jeanie Smenyak and Brett Homann were voted Queen and King.



Awaiting their announcement by Mr. Ralph Mundt, sophomore Marisa Krenkel and senior Kevin Mattix prepare for an evening of enjoyment.



Lip-syncing to "YMCA" by the Village People, senior Tony Levenda dances while Phil Grenchik and Ed Jenkins, also seniors, help entertain the crowd.

Dancing with their dates was, for many people, the best part of the evening. Senior Carley Burton illustrated this by spending the entire evening with his girlfriend, Angel Coon.

# A Place To Be With FRIENDS

by Heather Lorange

Students found many places to go on Friday and Saturday nights. What made a PHS dance the place to be?

"I go to dances to spend time with my friends, and to meet new people," junior Dave Ellman said.

Junior Ann Marie Andros commented, "I go to dances to get together with friends that I don't see that often."

Sophomore Teresa Cunningham said school dances were worth the money. She said, "It's worth a few dollars to have a safe place to go for the night to have fun." Typical dance fees were \$2. However, formal dances ranged from \$10 to \$30.

Senior Heather Chaykowski also thought they were worth the money. She said it was cheaper than going to the movies and just as fun. An evening movie cost anywhere from \$1.50 to \$5 per person.

Dances could be fun with a boyfriend / girlfriend or with friends.

Ann Marie said, "I like going with my friends, but it's not fun sitting out on the slow songs when your 'main' man isn't there to dance with you."

"It is fun to go with your boyfriend and friends. The more people around, the more fun everyone has," sophomore Peggy Griffith said.

The formal dances were a Christmas semi-

formal and Prom. There were also dances after almost every varsity football and boys' basketball game. Which type of dance is more fun?

Sophomore Adrienne Samardzija thought they were all fun, but holiday dances were the best because of more people and the opportunity to get dressed up.

"After game dances are more fun because people are still pumped up from the game," Dave said.

No matter which kind of dance, students agreed they were all a great place to let loose and enjoy themselves with friends.



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Standing at the entrance to the coat check, sophomore Mike St. Arnaud hands his jacket to worker junior Dawn Kubiak. Many students found it a safe place to keep their coats and other items.



Enjoying the winter formal, sophomores Trinity Brindza, Adrienne Samardzija and Chad Kestner dance together. The formal was held Dec. 20 and was for couples only.



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Dances after games were most popular with many students. Still in uniform, senior Jeanette Knapp dances with friends.



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The opportunity to meet new people at dances was great, especially for first-year students. Jennifer Moore and Heather Lovall, both freshmen, took advantage of this.

Being with friends was a main reason for going to dances. Juniors Tonie Whitaker, Lisa Dickerson and Michele Dick dance together.

# Saying Good-bye At GRADUATION

by Shannon Welche and Heather Lorange

A memorable class deserves a memorable graduation. And, said Mr. Forrest Rhode, thanks to the leadership and strength shown by the class of 1990, their graduation was the first ever held outdoors at the new PHS building.

With early confusion about the possibility of no Senior Week, many seniors were not only relieved, but extremely excited, to learn that Senior Week was a reality. In the same senior meeting, outdoor graduation was brought up as a possibility. After a landslide vote of 394-4 in favor of outdoor ceremonies, the possibility quickly became a reality.

"It's awesome! I think we're the only class that will ever do it, 'cuz we're special," said senior Margaret Marentes about outdoor

graduation.

Senior Kristy McCulloch agreed that outdoor graduation was a unique characteristic of the class of '90. "I think it's the best thing that ever happened to this school," she said.

June 1, the last day of school for the graduating class, brought mixed emotions from the majority of the seniors of 1990. While most felt glad to have finally reached the end of their high school career, the majority of students also felt sadness at the thought of never again entering the doors of PHS.

Senior Steve Goodreau said that thinking of graduation made him feel "saddened in a way because I will have to leave the security of my friends and family, but eager to face the challenges and opportunities that college has to offer." It also brought on "a feeling of

sadness for the parting of friendships, some of which will never be heard from again."

Margaret said that the last day was a time for "all of my friends being together and sharing our last high school moment together."

Many students spent their senior year thinking of all of the things they would miss. "I will miss the teachers who gave me the opportunity to realize the full potential I possess, especially Mr. James Douglas and Miss Kathy Kotyuk," said Steve.

The senior class has many special memories to take with it as they leave PHS for the last time, including the first ever outdoor graduation.



After his commencement speech class president Jason Reese presents Mr. Forrest Rhode with the plaque commemorating the Academic Hall of Fame's inductees.

Full of pride, Brian Erdei looks at his diploma while waiting for graduation ceremonies to commence. Brian was one of 62 seniors to graduate mid-term in the auditorium.



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Preparing to receive their diploma inserts, Jennifer Fasel and Greg Evanatz follow their row from their seats into school after the ceremony.



Attentively watching the speakers, members of the front row await the calling of their names to receive their diplomas.

Addressing the class, salutatorian Paula Motsinger gives the traditional salutatorian speech. Paula's seven-semester GPA was 4.2755.

# School and Community

## A TEAM

by Shannon Welche

High school: a world all its own. Or so it may be in some communities, but certainly not Portage. Students were involved in the community in many ways, varying from student-sponsored food drives to a day devoted to taking over the city.

Student Council played a major part in getting students involved in their community. Shortly before Thanksgiving the morning announcements included speeches by senior class president Jason Reese, reminding students and faculty that there were many needy residents of Portage.

The annual Thanksgiving food drive helped feed approximately 40 families with dinners on the holiday. Student Council also provided the first hour class which brought in the most food a special prize. Miss Sue Fitch's class was treated to a hearty breakfast the day before Thanksgiving vacation started.

Student Council also had several members visit Portage Miller's Merry Manor

nursing home and provide residents with an afternoon of bingo and Christmas carols for the holiday season. The members also brought punch, cookies and presents for the residents. "The elderly people really appreciate it when the high school kids come. They all had a really nice time," said Student Council sponsor Mr. Ron Hancock.

Student Government Day was another activity Student Council sponsored that brought the community closer to the students and vice-versa. The entire senior class voted on representatives to take over the city's government. Students ran the city as mayor and as other public officials.

One academic class spent an entire semester serving the community. Independent Study was a first hour economics class which devoted time to bringing new businesses to the Portage area, as well as helping those already located. Class members attended monthly Community Organization for Industrial Location (COIL) meetings with area business people in order to get a

better idea about their community's business needs and wants.

Students and staff did their part by donating to a Red Cross blood drive in the wrestling room. The Red Cross attained its goal of 100 units of blood.

Many community organizations used the school buildings for various activities. The YMCA used the swimming pools, along with students for lifeguards, for their weekly swims. The school was also used for defensive driving classes, as well as various public convocations dealing with subjects such as drug abuse and Satanism. In return, many school organizations used places such as city hall and the fire station to run their events such as car washes and sales.

Throughout the school year, the students served the community and the community served the students, making a working relationship between the two profitable for both.



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YMCA open swims were held at the West pool. These evenings provided fun and entertainment for the entire community. Sophomores Brian Newlin and Tony DeJesus enjoy a few hours of swimming and games.

Donating blood during the Red Cross Blood Drive was a scary experience for many students. However, senior Amy Pollock takes it calmly and with a smile.



Patty

Beating the summer heat while earning some extra money for Pom Pons, sophomore Heather Moore uses the fire station's parking lot to hold the Poms' car wash.



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Feeding the needy of Portage was the objective of Student Council's Thanksgiving food drive. Junior Donovan Degnetano helps load bags into the truck for delivery.

Many Portage residents used East's halls as an exercise area. With the new walking crane, many people, such as Linda Dishno and Ellen France, could be found sweating their way through the hallways.

# After-school sports JUST FOR FUN

by Wendy Cadle  
and Shannon Welche

Students had many things to do in their spare time, varying from going to work to spending time with friends or family. While a large number of activities occupied students' free moments, one of the most abundant after-school activities was playing sports.

While these people may or may not be the ones running around with letterman's jackets on, they are definitely athletes, and in one of the most common forms.

Nearly all students can recall at one time or another participating in some type of sport, from playing catch with their older brother to cheering or playing in Pop Warner games. Many students still participate in such activities outside of school, either for fun, to stay in shape or to keep their competitive edge while not in season.

Many students get together at certain times and places to play group sports, while

others prefer to play with only their closest friends.

Football is a favorite of senior Tony Girenti, who plays with large groups of friends every Sunday afternoon in Ogden Dunes for fun.

Playing football is also a favorite pastime of many other students, such as Steve Calamaris and his friends. They also enjoy playing basketball on a regular basis.

Many student-athletes feel that playing sports outside of school helps sharpen their skills and keeps them interested and in shape for their next season.

Sophomore Amy Powers, tennis team member, said she and her friends play tennis and basketball in their free time. "Playing outside of school improves my ability as well as my mental attitude."

Freshman Jennifer Corey spends her spare time playing softball. "I play softball for fun, and I enjoy it very much. I've played for nine

years for Portage Jr. Miss, and when I have spare time, I pick up a ball and toss it around just to keep my arm in shape."

Some students play sports to escape boredom, or just to get out of the house and away from their parents.

Junior Jack Wallace said, "My friends and I play football sometimes in the summertime just for fun, so we can get out, so we can hang out, and we're not with our parents in the house."

In some cases, students were required to stop playing certain activities because of worried neighbors. "I always play basketball with my friends. We have a court right across the street from my house, and we play all the time. We used to play baseball all the time, but people were afraid we'd break their windows, so we had to stop," said junior Nicole Sarich.



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Intramurals provided after-school fun for many students. Sophomores Joshua Fields and John Frederick flaunt their volleyball expertise during a tournament game.



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Keeping his eye on the ball, senior Jason Reese competes in the Student Council Ping-Pong Tournament during his lunch hour.



Following through on his shot, senior Bill Dishno is surrounded by both his "Frozen Cavemen" teammates and opponents from "Money" during an intramural basketball game.



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Taking a short break during a game are seniors Jeff Wardell and David Joyee of the "Side Arm Chicken Slinging Roosters," who dominated the entire tournament.

Handing off the ball during a preliminary game, senior Eric Powers gracefully tosses the ball to senior Mike Helton.

# People, Places Make MEMORIES

by Renee Munoz

You are sitting in class and you hear, "Should I ask right now? What if they say no?" You are on the edge of your seat. You know they are talking about you and want to ask you on a date. Now all you have to figure out is which one! The one directly behind you is beyond what you would call a form of life. So, could it be the one behind you to the right that is totally hot (and you are making a huge understatement, at that)?

Maybe you are one who prefers something more steady, not one who likes to worry constantly about who is going to ask you out. Whichever of the two you prefer, dating, relationships and hangouts are all a part of high school life.

Senior Michele Miller commented, "Dating can be a real hassle. You patiently wait

for the moment someone will ask you out, hope it's not a total loser, get all nervous for him to arrive and then press your luck on whether or not the date will be successful. I think going out with friends is much more fun. If we happen to meet guys, fine, but if not, it gives us an opportunity to get into some 'innocent' trouble."

Opinions do vary. According to Crystal Torres, freshman, "I think dating is okay. Relationships are better than playing the field."

What about friends? Who said one had to date or have a relationship? Nobody! Many PHS students were wary of the disappointment in both dating and relationships. The student body found dating to be fun, but friends were a lot more amusing and preferred.

The popular places for dates and friends to spend their time seemed to go hand in hand. Many students said Burger King, the mall or movies.

Junior Andy Scholebo said, "Hangouts are good only if you already know everyone there. I say to move around a little and get a good taste of variety."

All these places and events were common hangouts for Portage students, but the movies seemed to win hands down. Many students found the best way to have fun and to pass time was to watch some of the year's biggest releases.

Where better to hang out with friends "play the field" or take that special person? It is all part of high school memories, relationships, dates and hangouts.



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Some students found that a great way to brighten up their day was to eat lunch with a good friend. Senior Ted Kalch and junior Mindy Luna enjoyed this ritual every day.

Dances were a good place to find a date or just dance with a pal. Sophomore Darren Schmidt and freshman Erica Martinez danced the night away with one another.



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Many couples enjoyed spending time together. Junior Jennifer Jones and senior Brett Montez found a place to be alone with one another.



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Home basketball games were a good place to bring a date or just hang out with friends. After games students often went to Burger King.

The biggest date of all awaited by many students was Prom. Senior LauraLynn Thomas and her long time boyfriend from Hobart enjoyed this evening together.

# Extraordinary Students EXCEL

by Shannon Welche and Kristi Rea

Success—it is everywhere, sometimes bold and other times subtle and quiet.

Many students achieved success, but in many different forms. The signs of success were everywhere, both in the school and throughout the community. Academic success was one of the most common types of achievements found among students.

Michael P. Gonzalez, senior, was the valedictorian with a 4.3056 GPA after seven semesters, and the school's only semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, competing for his share of approximately \$23 million.

"No one inspires me to do well, really," said Michael. "I just try to be as perfect as I can be. As long as I have the ability to do something, I might as well try to do my best."

With the largest number of people ever inducted to the Academic Hall of Fame, the 75 outstanding seniors were certainly not the only academically successful students. In addition to other outstanding seniors, many underclassmen were also achieving academic

success.

Sophomore Amy Bell had a common motivation for her success in her classes. "I want a good paying job," she said.

Another traditional way to succeed in high school involves the sports arena. One of the many success stories to be found was that of Nancy Andrich, a freshman who played volleyball at the varsity level. Nancy has played volleyball for three years, and said she originally got involved with the sport "because I thought it was an exciting sport. I get to play with the more experienced people; they get to tease me about being a freshman," said Nancy.

Martial arts was an area many students excelled in. Brett Homann was perhaps one of the most "famous" athletes attending PHS. He was a member of the Junior Olympics team and may be on his way to Olympic competition. He also competed in the Pan-American games in Rio de Janeiro. Brett said keeping up with his technique is tough work and takes a lot of effort.

One of the many other ways of achieving

success was by being involved in Student Council. Student Council president, senior Mark Roark, was one of the many students who gained notoriety from involvement with the group. Mark said that one of his main motivations was his parents. "My parents benefitted me through involvement and interaction." His parents also taught him to live by the philosophy "You never know until you try." Mark said his lessons through Student Council showed him how hard work and dedication are the keys to achieving success.

Thespians were the backbone of the plays and other theatrical productions. Seniors Jeff Miller and Becky Kobialka were co-presidents and gained many experiences through their involvement. "It is a good way to experience leadership. We learn to help other people with parts and stuff like that. Also, we learn to work with other people," said Jeff.

These students, in addition to thousands of others, found there are many different ways to succeed and to achieve their goals.



Performing on the beam is only one of sophomore Julie Witka's talents. Julie qualified for state her freshman year and was a state hopeful until a knee injury ended her season prematurely. Julie was also a cheerleader and was on the swim team in her freshman year.



Guiding other Student Council presidents and vice-presidents through their first day of the leadership conference, seniors Brian Lane and Mark Roark give an introductory speech. Mark and Brian were Student Council president and vice-president, respectively.



Performing their dance routine, Junior Miss competitors Becky Kobialka and Susanna Rains, seniors, relive their days of summer by participating in the variety show. Becky was named the 1989 Junior Miss.



Listening to Gene Molnar's question, seniors Kurt Squire and Amy Clapp and fulfill their duties as public officials during Youth Government Day.

Concentration was one of the keys to senior Kevin Mattix's widespread success. Kevin was a star athlete in basketball, football and track. In addition, he was involved in National Honor Society, COIL, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was inducted to the Academic Hall of Fame.

# Someone You Can COUNT ON

by Sheri Conrick

"A best friend is someone you can always count on when you need to be serious or just to have fun," junior Melinda Ahrens said.

Opinions on exactly what a best friend is differ, but almost everyone agrees the most important quality is that your best friend be someone that you can trust.

"A best friend is someone you can trust and depend on 24 hours a day," junior Mike Hendrix said.

"Trust is the most important quality; without it there can be no understanding of the heart and mind," said sophomore Walter Sandoval.

"To be able to trust them is most important. That way I have someone to talk to without worrying whether or not they'll tell someone," said senior Jill Boyle.

So, what's a typical get-together with two best friends like?

"We'll go look for guys and dare each other to go talk to them. Also, we eat a lot of junk food and usually we'll be at the mall," Melinda said.

But even though the traditional best friends are guys with guys and girls with girls, often students choose to break that stereotype. They are showing that a girl and a guy can be "just friends."

"It doesn't make it more difficult to stay friends. It's probably even easier to talk together like if there is a girl I like I'll tell her (my best friend) and she'll talk to the girl I like for me," Walter said.

His best friend, sophomore Angie DeJohn, said, "It isn't harder. It depends on if the guy is open to you. Walter doesn't try to hide things from me."

"Actually, it's easier with a guy for a best friend than a girl," Julie Calamaris, sophomore, said, "because a lot of times guys and

girls won't have personalities that clash, but two girls might. Also, you can get different viewpoints from guys, and sometimes that makes it more interesting to talk to them."

Other students disagree and think it's more difficult.

"I think it's harder because after being best friends with a girl for awhile, you may want more," freshman Wes Minton said.

So, if a best friendship turns to romance, can the friendship still survive?

"I've never really thought of us in a relationship because we are too good of friends. A relationship would probably ruin the friendship," Walter said.

Others disagree on that, too.

"I think after the relationship we would be closer, like a trial we have conquered. We would also know each other better," Wes said.



Student Council was a great opportunity to meet friends. Junior Ann Marie Andros and sophomores Amy Stanley and Heather Smith worked on the state convention.

Best friends Daun Bieda and Tracy Sulich, both seniors, played basketball. They said it was a great opportunity to spend time together.



Best friends enjoy doing things together. Sophomores Niki Garavalia and Julie Rhody were both JV cheerleaders.



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Cooling off on a hot summer day, junior Kim Pressley and former student Laurie Kemp eat ice cream at Dairy Queen in Portage.

Taking time out from their busy schedules as athletic trainers, senior Kecia Kosky and sophomore Jennifer Frencl practice their wrapping techniques.

# Classes created fun for students

by Carrie Zebley

School is a big part of everyone's life. Although the classes are what school was actually all about, they weren't always what the students looked forward to. There were a variety of things that made students look forward to going to class each day.

There were many classes from which to choose. Along with each of these classes there was a different way to make the students look forward to going to the class.

Some PE classes were made more fun by going to places such as Robbinhurst Golf Course and The Fitness Barn. The basic photography classes went to Michigan City Zoo and the Indiana Dunes State Park to take pictures.

COIL (Community Organization for Industry Location), a senior economics class, also went to regular COIL meetings once a month and performed many special activities, such as participating in a Haunted Hayride scene at Woodland Park.

Another type of class added that made some students look forward to going to school was the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) classes. The students in these classes had attended the SELF school in the past.

The new classes and teachers, along with the activities in which the classes participated, all provided the students with something to look forward to when going to school.

The peer tutors in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) classes provided a lot of help for the LRE students. Senior Jamie Turner, a tutor for sophomore Mary Beller, said, "I'm very happy that I did this (tutored)." (Miller photo)





An addition to the teaching staff, Mr. David White, a JROTC instructor, is busy grading tests. Mr. White retired from the Marine Corps, where he was involved in intelligence work, in July. (Miller photo)



Chinese class was a new option for students. Mr. David Masty taught Chinese in both summer school and the regular school year. Senior Joe Brajcki, a Chinese student, tried to test his skill on the Chinese characters. (Miller photo)

Helping senior Maureen Volk with an assignment is Mr. Yan Wolfman. Mr. Wolfman taught a Russian enrichment class which was offered for the first time. (Miller photo)

Driver's education teacher, Mr. Les Klein, tells his students about the course on the first day. Driver's Ed. is a very popular summer school course. (Miller photo)



Students line up outside of the cafeteria on their break to buy lunch. This summer was the first year students could buy a lunch during their breaks. Breakfast was also served before summer school for the first time. (Miller photo)



# Summer school cut back

Last year's summer school program underwent some major changes.

The biggest change was that the available courses were limited to either basic or enrichment classes.

Some classes that weren't offered were health, speech and biology. The school offered courses such as English, multi-level math, history, basic biology, general science, general math, government, economics, Russian, Chinese and French Culture.

The reason for the cutback was lack of funding. The state cut 20 per cent of the funding that went into the program, said Mr. Lowell Johnson, assistant principal, in an earlier interview.

There were more summer school programs across the state than before, so the money was spread thinner. "They simply are not funding the

program the way they did," said Principal Forrest Rhode, in a previous interview.

Another change was that breakfast was served before school, and lunch and snacks were served on break. A variety of foods were offered at reasonable prices. For example, for breakfast a student could buy scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage or ham, orange juice and much more. For lunch one could buy pizza, cookies, nachos, Hi-C fruit boxes and other things.

Also, the middle schools held their summer school program here for the first time.

Another one of the many changes was that no PE classes were being offered. "That was a large part of our summer school," said Johnson. Roughly 40 to 50 per cent of the students in summer school used to be in the PE classes.

"Students are going to have to make some hard

and fast decisions concerning scheduling PE and other courses that were cut from the program," said Mr. Rhode.

Students will have to make up some classes during the school year, which upset some. Sophomore Melissa Parlock said, "I don't like the changes because I was going to take speech and I couldn't."

But along with the negative changes came a few positive ones including the lunch lines. "The snack lines are a good idea, but the cuts weren't," said Natalie Markovich, sophomore.

David Garcia, junior, said, "The changes are real groovy."

Junior Thomas Hamilton agreed, "They needed a change. I get really hungry in the summer."

by Eric S. Miller and Jeni Moore



Scott Harrington, 1989 graduate, spends some quiet time studying in the library during summer school. (Miller photo)



Preparing to ask a question is Christopher Bayer, junior, during Chinese class. (Miller photo)

Senior Dave Jennings, teacher assistant, helps Andy Lewis, freshman, during Mrs. Renee Turpa's class. (Miller photo)



# Chinese, LRE new classes

As students looked at the curriculum, they noticed several additions.

One new class, Chinese, was introduced by Mr. David Masty. The class was open to a student who had completed two years of foreign language with a "B" average.

Chinese is easier to teach as compared to other languages, said Mr. Masty. The language basically has no grammar.

Some of the students in the class signed up because of the "mystery" of a new foreign language class. Beth Fusko, junior, said, "I wanted a change. I was curious about the culture and the use of Chinese characters."

Senior Jennifer Fasel took the class because she thought it would be interesting. "You have to learn how to actually write it," she said. "You have to use different symbols to write Chinese."

Beth also said, "You have to say the accents right." The fluctuations in a person's voice or tone

makes a different word entirely, she said.

Another new class was the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) special education project.

According to Miss Liz Huettner, program director, LRE was designed to integrate handicapped students into local schools with their non-handicapped peers. The program used peer tutors.

The LRE students previously attended the Special Education Learning Facility (SELF), but were not connected with SELF anymore except through activities such as Special Olympics.

The program had unique features. Miss Huettner said it taught the students how to shop for groceries and order fast-food.

Also, the program helped with job training skills. According to Miss Huettner, "We try to find them a type of job within the school so they can learn job training skills so that eventually they can receive some employment within the community."

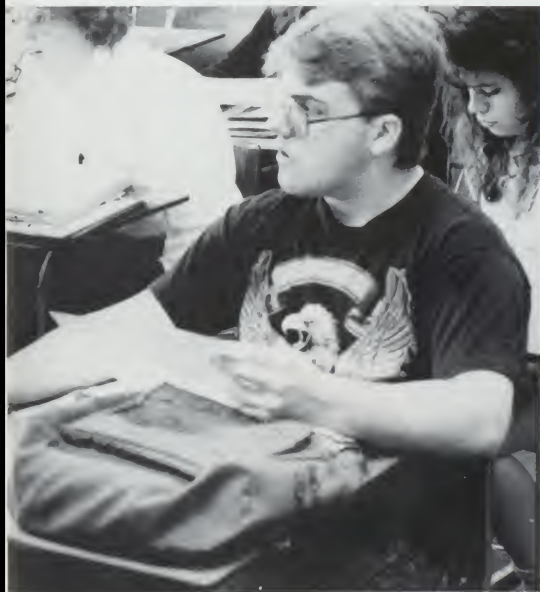
"What we find is that integration in the regular school promotes their socialization skills, promotes their job training skills and makes life after high school a little bit easier than if they were in a segregated school," said Miss Huettner.

The transition to PHS appears to have been made without many problems. John Hawkins, sophomore, said most students treated him okay.

"We haven't had any face-to-face confrontations with the students or anything such as people making fun of them," said Huettner. "The teachers and the staff here have more than accepted the program—a lot more so than I initially thought they would be. I have had no problems at all with either the staff or the students."

The program was introduced by people who went to all of the Special Education programs in Indiana. Then, PHS was offered as the pilot in Porter County by the superintendent.

by Eric S. Miller



Sophomore Dave Lobins practices his dribbling during Mrs. Turpa's soccer class. This class contained some LRE students and took place during 7/8th hour. (Miller photo)

Brian Reed, junior, took Chinese, one of the new classes available to students this year. (Miller photo)

Smiling at a job well done, senior Randy Scott steps back and admires what he has done in Auto Mechanics. Auto Mechanics was taken by juniors and seniors the first and last three hours of the day. (Sanders photo)

Putting the finishing touches on a job in the print shop is sophomore Kevin Teague. Printing was held in the West building and was taught by Mr. Martin Troglio. (Sanders photo)



Showing senior John Mitchell how to do a job in Building Trades is teacher Mr. Dennis Cletcher. Building Trades was held at Willowcreek Middle School, and could only be taken by juniors and seniors. (Sanders photo)



# Vocational strikes PHS

Here at Portage High School, just as there were many classes that were required, there were many electives as well. Among them were the very popular vocational classes.

There are many vocational classes which can be taken, ranging from auto mechanics, to building trades, to dentistry and beauty schools.

These classes were held in various places. Auto mechanics and building trades were held at Willowcreek Middle School. One was held in the bus barn, one was held at West, and many are held in Valpo, at their high school, and at the beauty school there.

Junior George Dresbaugh, who took auto mechanics the last three hours of every day, said, "I took it because that's what I'm going into for a

career, and I needed to learn more about cars."

Senior Kecia Kosky also took a vocational class because she felt it would help her with her career. She took a Dental Assistance class the first three hours of the day, and said she loved it. "I took this class because I'm going to be a dental hygienist. It's taught me a lot, and I've got a job being a dental assistant."

But junior Jim Teague said something different. "I took Printing because I thought it would be fun, and it is. I like it a lot, but I'm not going into anything related to it for a career, so it's really not helping me in that way. But it is fun."

Bryce Pickering, junior, said he took diesel mechanics to better his future. "I like it a lot because it is fun."

Jason Oldham, also a junior, said, "I took it because I want to be a mechanic. I love the class

because you have a lot more freedom than you do in a regular classroom."

Steve Johnson, junior, agreed with Bryce when he said he took it to better his future. He also said, "I enjoy working on engines."

Junior Dennis Tarne said, "I took this class because you get a lot of freedom. Besides, I couldn't make auto mechanics!" He finished saying, "It's better than a regular class because you don't have any book work."

Junior Shawn Sutherland said, "I took this class to learn the trade. It's really fun, and I get away from the regular school day."

Junior Brian Dossett said, "I love working on this kind of stuff because you actually do something instead of sitting there and taking notes all hour. It's hands on!"

by Jeni Moore



Mr. Vern Strege, diesel mechanics teacher, talks to senior Tom Karascony. Diesel mechanics is related to auto mechanics, but there are differences. (Sanders photo)

Juniors Michelle Roque and Cindy Pappas work on an assignment together in Mr. David Mast's French IV class. Students often worked together on assignments in foreign language classes.

Before the French play, one of the Three Musketeers tells the audience about the play. This year's French play took place in the West auditorium Nov. 9. This was the third year for the French play. (Miller photo)



Hitting a piñata in Spanish II class is sophomore Walter Sandoval. There was a party during class in Mrs. Brigitte Snemis's class at Christmas.



# Foreign languages fun

**S**panish, German, Latin or French. Which one should I take?

This is a question most students asked themselves when filling out their schedules.

Many colleges prefer at least two years of foreign languages before they will accept a student into their program.

Sophomore Melissa Parlock said she took one year of French and quit after that. "I thought that it would be fun and easy to learn. But it was hard and I hated it!"

Cindy Swisher, senior, said she took three years of Spanish. "I took it because I thought I would need it for my education, because most colleges require it. But after my third year of it,

it started getting too hard!"

Stan Padlo, also a senior, said, "I took Spanish when I was a freshman, and I'm still taking it now. I took it because my sister took it, and said it was fun. Besides, I thought it would be fun to learn another language."

Junior Joe Lynn Bigheart said she has taken two years of Latin and is on her third. "I liked it a lot when I first started out, and I still liked it last year, too, but after the third year, it's mostly just review. There's not much they can teach you after that."

Jason Arseneault, also a senior, said he's taken two foreign languages. "I took French in eighth and ninth grade, because my family speaks French and I thought it would be a good

idea. I took Russian last summer, because I thought it would be an unusual language to learn."

Senior Keith Barnard said he took German his freshman year because his family is half German. He said he didn't go on to a second year because "I wasn't doing very well."

Some people don't take foreign languages at all, and they have different reasons for not doing so. Eric Gray, senior, said he didn't take a language "because I can't even speak my own language!"

Senior Lonny Keen also didn't take a language. "I didn't think I'd ever need it, so I didn't take one."

**by Jeni Moore**



Answering a question in her Spanish II class is Mrs. Linda Peda. Mrs. Peda has been teaching here for seven years.



During their swimming class, sophomores Heather Smith, Barbie May, Danny Uzelac, Ken Nickos and Jason Willis wrestle while trying to gain control over the ball.

Trying hard to fit in that last push-up before the whistle is blown is junior Mike Hinchley. PE classes were one of the highlights of the students' days.



# Requirements made fun

**A**s freshmen and sophomores, students were required to take PE, or they couldn't graduate. During the PE years, students had to take swimming. In their freshman year they had to take four and one half weeks, and during their sophomore year they were required to take nine weeks. Many students didn't enjoy the swimming, especially the girls. Sophomore Heather Ahrens said she didn't think that they got enough time to get ready after they got out of the water. "I would enjoy the swimming itself, if we weren't so rushed afterwards," she said.

When the students are juniors and seniors, some are relieved to discover that they will not be required to take a PE course—unless, of course, they failed one of either their freshman or sophomore gym requirements, or they wish to take one

as an elective credit. The fact that PE was a required class upset many students. They believed it should be an elective credit.

However, there were advantages to the PE courses. One was getting to see your own results in the President's Challenge Physical Fitness Program.

The program was started in 1956 by President Eisenhower as part of a nationwide campaign for physical fitness. The goal was to get America's younger generation into shape. Today the council's program places greater emphasis on exercise for everyone.

Sophomore Julie Witka said, "I didn't like taking the test, but I think it did help to measure and rate your abilities in certain areas. By taking it, it helped to make you aware of where you stood within the nation, and what areas you might need

to work on."

Mr. Mike Lipinski, PE teacher, said, "It's kind of interesting what we found out. A lot of kids did poor when compared nationally. Our average grade was a D, with lots of F's."

PE teacher Mrs. Caren Prow has a theory of her own, which is to make everything fun. "If you make the games and activities fun, they will want to do it on their own outside of school. I'm teaching aerobics and hoping that they'll like it enough to keep doing it," she added.

Although there are struggles and hard times during the PE year, most students enjoy the course. Many feel it is a way to break up the day of academic courses.

Sophomore Melissa Hiltzley summed it up by stating, "PE is a blast!"

**by Jennifer Pete and Amy Gruchalski**

**Freshman Aurora Agostini and sophomore Jill Shepard do some interesting modeling with clay, during Art Foundations. This art class is a prerequisite for any other art class.**



In Mrs. Linda Hicks' Mass Media class, sophomore Melissa Cardenas dribbles her basketball, while telling about the game. (Sanders photo)

Mrs. Linda Hicks sits at the speech team Christmas party, ready to give out an award. She won a National Forensic League Diamond Key Award because her students have earned 15,000 points in the last 17 years.



Taping up sophomore Jenny Frenci's foot in Athletic Training, senior Kecia Kosky tries to do a good job. This is only one of the many jobs a person in Athletic Training had to do.



# Speech/health required

In order to graduate, there are many classes that must be taken. Among them are speech and health.

There are a variety of classes available that can be taken for speech, and each student can choose which one he wants to take. For health, there are no choices.

All students have their own opinions about whether or not they like it and whether or not the courses should be required.

Sophomore Natalie Markovich said, "I haven't taken them yet, but I don't think they should be required. Health is okay, but I don't like to get up in front of classes and talk. I don't think there's many people who do!"

Joe Rodriguez, junior, said, "I think it's stupid for them to be required, and I'm glad I've got them over with."

Sophomore Melissa Parlock said she didn't really like speech. "I don't think that anything should be required. We should be able to take what we want to, no questions asked."

Junior Joe Lynn Bigheart said she took Fundamentals of Speech. "I don't think Speech should be required, but Health should because it teaches you some things that you need to know."

Senior Nicki Petersen said, "I took Intro. to Drama, and I think it should be required. It gives you the opportunity to be allowed to talk about something that you want to talk about without getting in trouble with the teacher."

Junior Jerry Woodard says that speech shouldn't be required, but health should. "Speech is stupid, but health teaches you a lot of stuff you need to know."

Rick Giberson, sophomore, said that he didn't

think either one of them should be required. "Neither one of them teaches you anything, really."

Junior Jimmy Sease said just the opposite of everybody else. "Speech should be required, because it's easy. But Health is harder, so it shouldn't be. Besides, they don't really teach you a lot."

Eddie Sullivan, also junior, said he hated both of the classes and doesn't think that either one should be required. "Requirements are stupid. We should be able to take what we want."

Health teacher Mr. Dan Merrill said, "I think it's a great requirement, but they should change the alternate way you can get out of it. They should make it mandatory with no other options."

by **Jeni Moore**



In Mr. Dan Merrill's health class, he answers a question while telling his students about the human skeleton. Mr. Merrill said that the requirements for health are great and shouldn't be changed. (Miller photo)

Checking workbooks in Mrs. Sue McPherson's French 3 Honors class is her student teacher Madame Cleveland. Madame Cleveland was a junior at Ball State University, and had education majors for Speech as well as French. (Pugh photo)

Looking over the class list to see who he will call up to the reading table next is senior and cadet teacher Dave Bellar. Dave was a cadet at Central Elementary for Mrs. Carol Elliott, a second grade teacher. He enjoyed it very much and said it helped him in his decision to become a teacher. (Miller photo)



Making sure the class behaves, senior Kristy McCulloch watches over the shoulders of Mrs. Brenda Steinhubel's extended first grade class at Central Elementary, where she is a cadet teacher. This class can only be taken by seniors, and they must have a 2.5 GPA or above to qualify. (Miller photo)



# Teachers appreciate help

Hmmm . . . What should I take for my senior year in high school? wonder many junior students, while filling out their schedules for their senior year.

Many students want to take easy classes that don't take much time or effort, but there aren't many like that.

But although cadet teaching is time consuming, because it takes up two hours every day out of their schedules, the class is a very positive experience for those who wish to go into teaching.

Cadet teachers went around to different elementary schools, and one middle school, Wilowcreek, and helped out the teacher of their choice.

The majority of the students who took this class said that they enjoyed it very much, because it taught them what it is really like to be a teacher.

The cadets are a big help to the teachers as well.

Another big help to teachers in Portage High School were the student teachers. This was also a job that helped college students decide if teaching was really for them.

Mr. James Doane, a science teacher at West, said, "Student teachers are very important. It helps them decide if they really want to become a teacher or not."

U. S. History teacher Mr. Marvin Allison said, "I think the program is a worthwhile one, but I don't think you can make a general statement like this as to whether it's a good experience or bad experience, because it varies with the individual." He went on to say, "About half of the ones I've had, I've felt comfortable about them going on and being teachers."

Math teacher Mr. James Goetz said, "I like having a student teacher. It was a positive experience,

and I'm looking forward to having one again." He finished, "Student teaching is a necessity in becoming a good teacher."

Mr. Goetz's student teacher, Amy Greer, who attended Valparaiso University, said she enjoyed student teaching very much. "I'm very glad that I'm at a large school. The people here are outstanding." Miss Greer said that she would like to teach math when she finishes college.

Mr. Tom Milteer, who teaches Physical Education, said that it is a good experience, because everything cannot be learned out of a book. "It's good, first hand experience, and that's what is needed."

Cadet teachers and student teachers were greatly needed. They were appreciated in the schools they attended, and by the teachers they assisted.

by Jeni Moore



Senior Myrna Hernandez and Leadership advisor Mr. Ron Hancock give a presentation at the Leadership Conference. Mr. Hancock was the head of several organizations, including Student Council and Cadet Teaching. (Miller photo)

Seniors Susanna Rains, Glen Brechner and Doug Beddome work on a robotics project during Advanced Physics class. Mr. Yan Wolfman taught the physics classes. (Miller photo)

Junior Ljubica Djordjevic prepares to plant her tomato seeds. The Biology II classes, taught by Mr. Henry Looft, received seeds which were in space for six years. The seeds were part of a nationwide experiment to see the effects of radiation on tomato seeds. (Sanders photo)



Reading during Mr. James Douglas' World Culture Honors class is senior David Lomax. Students used extra time during class to study for other classes. (Miller photo)



# Honors: all work, no play?

**N**erds and "geeks" were typical nicknames given to students who excelled academically—even though most honor students did not deserve stereotypical treatment.

Honor classes were offered in a variety of subjects. Some classes that were offered included Calculus, Advanced Biology, Advanced Chemistry, Advanced Physics, U.S. History Honors, World Literature and Spanish III-IV.

The opportunity to go more in-depth into a subject was the reason many students took honor classes.

The differences between regular and honor classes were not many. One difference between the classes was the honor classes had a weighted grade. Also, honor classes required more outside preparation. In addition, many classes often re-

quired a special project. For example, Mr. James Douglas' honor history and World Culture classes had two term papers a year.

Junior Danielle Lynch commented, "I don't believe the honors programs are as hard as they are believed to be (with the exception of Ohlfest's class). The program was just an acceleration of the regular classes."

The criteria for students who wanted to take a honor class were the students had to have met all the prerequisites given by the teacher, the students' GPAs had to be 3.0 or above, the students must have scored at the 80th percentile or above on a standardized test and students must have had the written recommendation of the teacher.

Honors classes were graded differently from regular classes. If a person received an A, instead of getting the regular four points, he received five

points. With honors classes, a person could raise in GPA in some instances.

Honors students were given extra motivation. For example, the Foreign Language Honor Society honored students who got A's in their respective foreign language.

Junior Matt Vernon said, "They give the honors students extra motivation, but they shouldn't be taken advantage of."

Danielle and Matt had different opinions about the difficulty of honors classes. Matt said that honors classes required a lot more time than regular classes. Danielle disagreed.

"Probably the only difference between the regular program and the honor program is that the answers and the 'how-to-do' are not given to you," said Danielle.

by Jenny Westerkamp



Receiving help on his Calculus test is senior Dennis Kalina. Calculus class was a class offered only to seniors and was taught by Mr. Darryl Schultz. (Sanders photo)

Choir teacher Brent Holaway leads his class in a song while performing at South Haven Costas Foods. The field trip was taken to benefit the Cancer Society in honor of a special artist who was there. (Miller photo)

Standing at attention at the University of Toledo drill meet, in Toledo, Ohio, senior Charlene Taylor does her best to win an award in the Unarmed Knock-out Competition. (Miller photo)



Visiting an office for an office skills field trip, senior Sara Young got to play secretary for the day when she took over for Mr. Olsen at the Clerk-Treasurer's office at City Hall. (Miller photo)

# Field trips make school fun

**H**ow do I feel about field trips?" asks freshman Kurt Adkins. "They're the best part of school!"

This is how many people in the school feel about field trips. They are the best part of school, almost without a doubt.

There are many field trips taken at Portage High School, that are fun, and educational as well.

Field trips range from a trip to Chicago for the day, to a trip to Florida for a weekend. There are field trips taken in a variety of classes, and all of them are greatly appreciated and enjoyed as well.

Mrs. Lori Pavell's office skills classes were around the city of Portage to different secretary offices, and took over for the day.

Senior Sara Young said that it was very exciting and educational as well. "I really enjoyed it, and it taught me a lot more than I thought it would."

The cadet teachers also took a field trip to Valparaiso University to sit in on some education

classes to see what they were like, as well as going on many field trips with the children in their class.

Senior Amy Clampitt said that she liked going on the field trip with her kids, and the field trip to Valpo University, also. "I only went on one field trip with them, and it was really fun to watch the kids get to feed the sharks, because we went to the aquarium. They really enjoyed it, and I had fun watching them!"

The sociology classes also took a field trip. They went into the Lake County courts, and watched real accused criminals try to defend themselves in court. They saw cases from ones as serious as burglary and murder, to ones as innocent as reckless driving.

Junior Dawn Walker said that she liked the field trip because it got her out of a day of school. "I thought it was pretty interesting how we got to

watch real court cases, too, but on one we missed out on the end. I wish we could have found out what happened to the guy!"

The sophomore English classes went to a play in Hammond at the high school and saw three different plays. They saw "The Tell-tale Heart", "A Monkey's Paw," and "The Headless Horseman." Many people enjoyed the trip, as well as any other field trip that has been taken.

"It was a cool field trip because the plays were pretty interesting," said sophomore Joe Rodriguez, "but lunch was really the best part!"

The field trips which are taken are an educating way to take a day away from the normal school day, but still be educated, too. Students appreciated the chances to get away and enjoyed themselves as well.

by **Jeni Moore**



**Listening to the head** of the table on Youth Government Day, seniors Mark Roark and Dawn Ford learn about how the Government is run. Youth Government Day was a day in which a selected number of students were allowed to run the government for the day. (Miller photo)

Doughnut sales were very popular class projects this year. Sophomore Jimmy Eagen purchases a healthy breakfast of doughnuts one winter morning. The doughnuts were sold for a low cost of only 50 cents each. (Miller photo)



Demonstrating the ability to apply stage make-up is senior Tiffany Shuster. Sophomore Niki Garavalia is enjoying getting her face painted. (Miller photo)

Showing their camp spirit are juniors Luke Fisher and Ron Aleman. The leadership students sponsored a camp for some fifth grade students. (Shuster photo)



# Special projects tackled

Unusual or special class projects are some of what it takes to make school fun, or at the very least endurable. Throughout the past year, many special projects existed.

Each of these projects had its own level of importance and involvement, ranging from the application of makeup in Mr. Joe Stevens' technical directing class to the dissection of a frog in one of the many biology classes offered.

Some of the projects received negative reviews from students involved. Sophomore Josh Fields commented, "I think the idea of dissecting is wrong because I would not want to be dissected if I were an animal."

In contrast, some students had different opinions. Junior Doug Kovell said that one of his most memorable class projects was when he was given the opportunity to referee a basketball game in his basketball officiating class. He said, "It's good to have this knowledge because you can use those skills when you're in college and need extra money." He also mentioned that the project was

quite an enjoyable experience.

Seniors had the chance to get involved in many class projects throughout the year. Many class of '90 students were involved, whether it be by running or depositing money, in the first ever Student Credit Union created by COIL. This project was headed by Mr. Michael Lemond and was worked on by both semester COIL classes. Since it became a reality Apr. 30, the SCU has kept busy with many students' accounts.

Another project for seniors was leadership camp. Students could get involved in this class by signing up for a two-semester leadership course. The students spend time preparing for the camp, then for two days from morning until night they spent time with fifth graders from a selected Portage Township school. Aylesworth Elementary School had the opportunity to take part in the camp. In a sense the camp is like a shortened version of summer camp. The students played games, cooked by the camp fire and went on nature hikes, among other things.

One thing the seniors left behind to be treas-

ured for years as their traditional senior gift was the new Indian head that is displayed in the front of the building. The Indian was autographed by senior class President Mark Roark and was dedicated at a informal pep session on the last day of school for seniors. During the ceremony Jason Reese gave a few dedicating words about the class of 1990.

For both juniors and seniors, Ms. Christine Elibosich's sociology class was offered. For the past several years, one of the main projects of the second nine weeks is to conduct a murder trial. To make the trial seriously realistic, both prosecution and defense lawyers were assigned witnesses and depositions to analyze. They were given one week of class time to prepare for the trial.

The verdicts of the trial varied drastically this year. Elibosich commented that a great deal of importance is placed on the students who play witnesses and that they hold an essential importance in the decision.

by Amy Gruchalski  
and LeeAnn Ashby



Guest speakers are an often participated in class project. Here, a guest speaker demonstrates the effect of liquid nitrogen on different substances. (Miller photo)



Sophomore Michelle Sloan lends a helping hand to one of her classmates, during her peer tutoring class. Peer tutoring went well for this being the first year this was tried. (Miller photo)

Working on a computer for the yearbook staff is junior Steve Kimmey, while freshman Brian Forst helps junior Chris Bradford in the background. A lot of the work done in yearbook class was done on computers. (Miller Photo)

Giving a peace sign in Mr. McCabe's computer applications is junior Chris Donelson. There were many computer classes available, and all of them were very popular. (Miller photo)



Typing in an assignment in his Computer Programming class, senior Tony Hampton tries to figure out computers. Computers seem like they are fun, and although they are, they are challenging at the same time. (Miller photo)



# Computers used widely

Computers were quickly becoming more and more a part of everyday life in the United States and at PHS.

There were several computer classes offered to students. Senior Angelique Cardona has taken computer applications and basic programming. Angelique said she thought taking computer classes would help her in the future. "Soon there will be computers involved in every occupation."

Anthony Duron, sophomore, agreed with Angelique. He thought computers will soon dominate the working world. Anthony planned to take computer applications his junior year. He feels he will have at least some knowledge of computers before he graduates.

Some students didn't want to take computer classes because they heard that they were boring. Sophomore Josh Fields wouldn't take a computer course. Marcia Zeck, junior, felt the same as Josh. "They are boring," she said. Melissa Hiltzley, sophomore, is putting taking the class off until her senior year. "I've heard that they were dull, so I decided to wait," she said.

Although some students are really into computers, others took the class because they just had an extra space on their schedule. George Hutman, senior, took it as almost a "filler" course. George remarked, "I needed a class to fill in an empty space in my schedule, so I took computer applications. Now, I'm glad that I took it."

Senior Brian Weiser wasn't glad he took it,

though, because "some of it was too informative and it bored me, and some of it wasn't informative enough."

Shane Rossie, sophomore, agreed with Brian when saying he didn't like it. "It was dumb," he added.

The school usually uses IBM compatible computers. There are many things that they are used for, including classwork in English, math, publications and computer classes. They were also used for library work and office work for the secretaries. Computers are becoming more popular everywhere, not just in schools, and also are very important.

by Amy Gruchalski

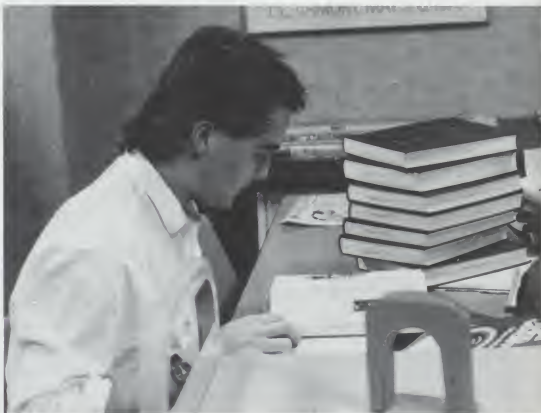


Senior Catrina Thomas sits quietly in Miss Sue Fitch's computer applications class. The school added a new computer room that housed 22 computers and was used by many classes. (Miller photo)



Sophomores, Kim Lenburg, Beverly Devine, and Marissa Jones inquire about some information at Sawyer Business College, during a college fair in February. (Miller photo)

Studying hard in the media center at East is senior Dave Falck. The Career Room at the East media center is a good place to start job research. (Sanders photo)



# Job research starts early

**G**raduation... What to do after is big question for all students, especially seniors. For many students, planning for after-graduation activities started early.

Freshman Evett Pugh said she is planning to take psychology as a junior. Evett added, "I plan to get the best grades as possible while I attend high school so that I can get in the college of my choice." She is one of the many freshmen who have already begun planning on their future activities.

By the time many students reach their senior year, they may have many different classes they

have taken. They try and get a variety of classes before they graduate. Senior Brett Homann said he has taken many different types of classes while attending school. Brett's reason for this is simple. "In case one of my future goals doesn't come through, then I have something to fall back on," he said.

Sophomore Kari Hiltzley said, "I would like to do some research on my future career, but where do I start?" There were many ways a student could find help. A guidance counselor was always ready to assist. Also, the guidance department had a program offered to students called C-LECT. C-LECT helped students decide what ca-

reer they were best suited for. C-LECT was very popular with the students. Students could enter the guidance department to work on the C-LECT program before or after school, during lunch or another time, with a pass. Many people found this program very helpful with job research.

Jennifer Herron, sophomore, said she needed help with her future as a doctor. Jennifer went to her counselor for assistance. She said Miss Ann Van Beek was very helpful, knowing what Jennifer needed and how to get it.

The earlier students start planning their future, the better off they may be.

by Amy Gruchalski



Counselor Mr. Walter Alexander awaits questions during the college fair during lunch. Counselors are always ready and willing to help. (Miller photo)



Junior Karen Lesko and sophomore Tram Nguyen listen attentively to a college representative during the college mini fair. (Miller photo)

Juniors Angie Mendizabal and Paula McWhirter discuss "Opposite Day" in Mr. John DeCoster's psychology class. Opposite Day was a day when the students of the class were supposed to dress the opposite of how they normally dressed. (Miller photo)

Mr. Thomas Kolb, student teacher for Mr. James Douglas, delivers a medieval presentation. Mr. Kolb showed the students what the people wore when and how they acted in medieval times. (Sanders photo)



Psychology students sit in the hall outside of Mr. DeCoster's classroom discussing an assignment. This often happened when students missed school the day before. (Miller photo)



# Psych/sociology popular

**P**erhaps two of the most popular courses were psychology and sociology taught by Mr. John DeCoster and Ms. Christine Elibasich. Almost every junior or senior took these classes, and most say it turned out to be what they expected.

Some of the different things psychology classes did was having a hypnotist come into the class and hypnotize a few people. They had "opposite day," where everyone in the class had to dress and make themselves look the opposite of how they usually looked.

In sociology they had a mock trial, where the students acted as the plaintiff, defendant, judge, or other characters.

Another reason people took classes is because they're interesting. Many different topics are covered in these classes, such as in psychol-

ogy they study dream analysis, and personality theories. In sociology they studied rape and suicide.

Sara Young, senior, said, "I took psychology and sociology because I thought they would be interesting."

Junior Marcia Zeck said she took sociology "because I heard it was a good course."

Senior Linda Szabo said, "I thought they (the classes) would be fun."

Danielle Shaw, junior, said, "I took psychology because I need it to further my education."

Jason Arseneault, senior, said he took it "for another social studies credit."

But junior Bill Vourazeris said something a little different. "I took psychology to learn why I act the way I do!"

Most people who haven't taken one or both of

these two classes plan to.

Senior Cindy Swisher said she plans to take them because she's going into teaching and they will probably help. "I've heard that they are hard, but fun," she said.

Freshman Evett Pugh said she also plans on taking the classes. "I'm taking them because I want to be a psychologist, and I need them!"

All these people have different opinions on what their favorite part of the class was.

Marcia said her favorite part of sociology was "talking about how to prevent yourself from being raped and learning more about it."

Jason said his favorite part of sociology was the crime studies.

These classes teach many interesting things, and many people take them.

by Jeni Moore



Working on a class project in Mr. Jerry Lasky's economics class are seniors Jim Adams and Craig Morris. Buying and selling stock was a popular topic in Econ. (Miller photo)

# Students: more than meets the eye

by Tracey Westforth

Having 2,594 students meant 2,594 individual styles, but all those individual styles created one unmatched image. An image that showed, that despite the difference, we could all work together to make this school a great place and an outstanding example for other schools.

We took part in Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-27. The faculty and students wore red ribbons to symbolize our commitment toward the creation of a drug free America.

One event that affected many people of Indiana was the Hoosier Millionaire lottery game which started Oct. 13. Persons over 18 were able to go to any of 6,500 locations to purchase a \$1 ticket in hopes of winning \$1 million.

The epidemic of measles in nearby Chicago caused great concern among persons in Porter County. Free measles shots were given to all students interested Nov. 6. There were 1,360 students who participated.

There were many outstanding students attending the high school. One of these students was Brett Homann. He is an international karate star. He has taken karate for 14 years and was a member of the U.S. team that competed in Costa Rica.

As a group or as individuals, we created an image that said LOOK AT US!

Senior Mark Roark discusses corrections that need to be made on his class ring with a Jostens representative. (Sanders photo)





One way students showed off their individuality was through their cars. Junior Jennifer Matteson's car is a '31 Woody with a '77 Chevette engine. (Miller photo)



After the Homecoming game, sophomores Dana Wheeler and Lisa Stoehr dance to some of the newest tunes. Some of the popular music artists were New Kids on the Block, Paula Abdul and Aerosmith. Dancing was one of the ways students showed off their personal styles. (Miller photo)

## Wendy Achorn.

Larry Achorn: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 2; Marching Indians 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Symphonic Band 3; Golf 1,2,3(Capt.),4(Capt.).

Rose Ann Adames: Prom Committee 3; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Student Council 4; Spell Bowl 1,2,3,4.

Jerry Adams: ROTC Drill Team 1; Choralliers 4; Teacher Asst. 3; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4.

Jim Adams: Latin Club 1,2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

## Kerry Adams.

Ray Adams: COIL 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Media Asst. 3; Basketball 1; Soccer 2,3,4.

Jerome Addison.

Suzanne Aitken.

Jeff Atkins.

John Alberts: Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Math Club 1; Concert Orchestra 2,3,4; Jazz Band 2; Symphonic Band 4; Solo & Ensemble 3,4.

Joe Allen: Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Richard Allison.

Kenneth Allizer.

Daniel Ambler.

## Nick Andresen.

Jeanne Andrus: Chamber Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Choralliers 3; Pep Club 4; Prom Committee 4; Teacher Asst. 2,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 4; Symphonic Choir 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 4; Solo & Ensemble 3,4.

Christopher Archer.

Shalandra Ardell: Academic Decathlon 2; Intramurals 1; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 2; Track 1,2,3,4; SADD 3.

Melissa Lynn Armstrong: Teacher Asst. 1,3; Chinese Club 4; Spanish Club 1.

Beth Arnett: Tennis 1,2,3; SADD 3.

Jason Arseneault.

Cija Artis: Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1.

Michelle Arwood.

Jodi Bagley.

## Keith Barnard.

Jennifer Batraon: COIL 4; French Club 1; Ski Club 1,2; Attendance Office 3,4; Therapists 3,4; World Affairs 3.

Michael Batusek: COIL 4; Intramurals 2,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Soccer 2,3,4(Capt.).

Ronald Beach.

Brian Beatty: Teacher Asst. 3,4.



# Graduation: a scary prospect

by Faith Wygle

Approaching graduation seems heavenly for freshmen, sophomores and juniors; but some seniors say that they have anxieties about graduation. Seniors were asked if they have any fears about graduation.

... "The only fear I have is that I won't get accepted to college, and I'll have to worry about it."

—Missy Tomak

... "I am graduating midterm and I am mostly worried about getting a job for the rest of the year before I start college."

—Kim Smutko

... "The only thing I'm scared of is the fact that I have no idea what I'm going to do after graduation."

—Beth Wolfe

... "The only fear I have is that I'm going to have to be eating a lot of left overs every night when I'm on my own."

—Nelson Soto

... "I will have some fears but not many because I will start college right away."

—Cheryl Vogt

... "Being out in the 'real world' is a scary part of graduation because up until now we have always had someone looking over our shoulder, but after graduation no one is going to be there to guide us. We are on our own now, and that is scary! Going away to college and not living at home is scary, too. At college no one cares if you show up for class or not, no one cares if you do your homework or not. It's all your own responsibility."

—Carrie Ellenwood

... "I have no fears about graduation. I look at it as an opportunity to really start my life. I get to be on my own and make my own decisions and take on all responsibilities on my own. I think the hardest thing to do will be budgeting my time in college."

—Marcy Horvath

... "The scariest thing about going to college will be trying to fit in. College life will be a lot more different than high school. ... when you think of all the studying you'll have to do."

—Crystal Lange

... "No, I am fully prepared to take on the challenge of college. High school is just one step in the long process of my education."

—Carley Burton

... "I don't think it's hit me yet that I will be graduating. ... Not knowing which college to choose is my main problem now."

—Cathy Berquist

... "Missing all my friends, but I'll make more in college. I'm very anxious about getting out of high school and getting on with my life and studying what I want and doing what I want without my parents always looking over my shoulder."

—Charity Johnson



**Doug Beddome:** Academic Letter 3,4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Tennis 1,2,3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4.

**David P. Bellar:** COIL 4; Thespians 3,4.

**Burt Berbesque:**

**Nicole Beres:** Cheerleader 2; French Club 1,2; Chamber Orchestra 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Saga 3; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 1; String Ensemble 1,2; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3; Swimming 1; Track 1,3.

**Cathy Berquist:** Academic Letter 3,4; Brush and Palette 1,2,3(Pres.); COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; German Club 1,2,3,4.

**Dawn Bieda:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; SADD 2; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4.

**Dawn Bingham:** Concert Band 2,4; Freshman Band 1; Spanish Club 2; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 2,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,4; Track 1,2.

**Tracey Blackburn:** JROTC Color Guard 1; Drill Team 1,2; Physical Fitness 1,2,3; Freshman Band 1; Saga 3.

**Sue Ellen Blanton:** French Club 1,2,3,4; Concert Choir 1,2; Saga 2,3; SADD 2; Thespians 1; Symphonic Choir 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 2,3,4.

**Laura Blaskiewicz:** Homecoming Court 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Tennis 1,2,3,4.

**Jeanne Block:**

**Steve Bodnar:** Football 1,2; Track 1,2; Ski Club 3,4.

**Matthew Boger:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4(Pres.); Teacher Asst. 3; Soccer 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

**Robert Boomsma:**

**Tracy Bothwell:**

Mike Bowman.  
Jill Boyle: Brush and Palette 3; Teacher Asst. 3,4.  
Donna Brabbs.  
Donna Bradbury: COIL 4; Girls' State 3; Freshman Band 1;  
Teacher Asst. 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1,2; Solo and Ensemble 1;  
Cross Country 1,3.  
Joe Brackley: Academic Letter 3,4; Brush and Palette 2,3 (vice-  
pres.); 4; Academic Decathlon 2; Foreign Language Honor Society  
3,4; German Club 1,2,3,4(vice); National Honor Society 4;  
Photo Club 3,4; Science Club 1,2,3,4(pres.); Media Asst. 1; The-  
sians 2,3,4.

Amy Brantley.  
Carrie Brasser: German Club 1; Legend 2,3; Quill and Scroll  
2,3; Photo Club 2.  
Glen Brechner: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2,3,4; Foreign  
Language Honor Society 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3; Latin Club 1,2;  
National Honor Society 4; Basketball 2,3,4(capt.); Class Rep. 3,4;  
Tennis 1,2,3,4.  
Sandra Brickley: Academic Letter 3,4; Cheerleader 1; German  
Club 4; National Honor Society 4; Pep Club 1; Teacher Asst.  
1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2.  
Annette Brockway.

Wendy Brooks: Media Asst. 4  
Dana Brown.  
Harvey Brown.  
Brian Buchwalter.  
Heddi Buonomo: Concert Band 1,2,3; Freshman Band 1; Saga 4;  
Spanish Club 1,2; Speech and Debate 2,3; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4;  
Solo and Ensemble 1,2,3,4.

Sherry Burney.  
Robert Burns.  
Carley Burton.  
Jason Buxbaum.  
Steve Calamaris: Academic Letter 4; Fellowship of Christian  
Athletes 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Football 3,4.

Dan Calvert: Teacher Asst. 1; Attendance Office Asst. 3.  
William Campbell.  
Christy Canler: Freshman Band 1; Saga 3,4; Teacher Asst.  
1,2,4.  
Shawn Cardenas.  
Angelique M. Cardona: Spanish Club 1,2,4.

Laura Carlisle: Freshman Chorus 1.  
Tammy Carrillo.  
Lynette Caudillo.  
Diane Chabes.  
Bobbie Chapman: Intramurals 1.





Carrie Charron.

Heather Chaykowski: Cheerleader 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Pep Club 4; Prom Court 3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

Paul Chnupa: Pow Wow 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4.

Sara Cimballa.

Amy Clappitt: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Concert Orchestra 2; Speech and Debate 1; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.

Amy Clapp.

Angie Clapp: Teacher Asst. 2,3; Gymnastics Mgr. 2,3,4.

Melissa Clary.

Michelle Clinton.

Christy Cochran.

Patricia Coker: COIL 4; Chamber Orchestra 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 3,4; String Ensemble 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4.

Wendy Colburn: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Student Council 4; Tennis 1,2,(capt.)3,4; Spelling Team 4; French Club 1,2; National Honor Society 3,4; Prom Committee 1,2,3; Spanish Club 3; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2; Class Secretary 1,2; Volleyball 1,2; Statistician 1,2; Interact Club 3; Sunshine Society 2.

Gene Copas.

Kim Copley.

Antoinette Cox: Softball 2,3,4.

Michelle Cox: Intramurals 2,3; Pep Club 1; Basketball 1; Diving 2.

Rachel Cox.

Steve Cox: Teacher Asst. 3.

Nick Crews.

Sherry Cuevas.

Marsha Curli.

Rodney Curry.

Kelly Curtis: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2; Mat Maid 3,4.

John Dalton: Concert Band 2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; SADD 3; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,4; Solo & Ensemble 1.

John Davey.

Nicole David: Concert Choir 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Thespians 4; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble.

James Davis.

Angela DeLeon.

Rick DeMastro.

Donna Demmon.

# All I want for graduation is...

by Trisha Springer

Seniors had a decision to make: the present they wanted for graduation. Maybe a Porsche, or how about a cruise, or perhaps money? These were some of the weird things to dream about.

While some people are dreaming, others were thinking of more realistic presents such as luggage, an open house, or even a card with money in it. Some people wanted realistic presents, but others, well... Let's just say they were fantasizing!

... "A word processor."

—Missy Utterback

... "A cruise around the world on a yacht with only women on board!"

—Brian Lane

... "To be invited to go with Brian (Lane) around the world on a yacht with all those women!"

—Tony Levenda

... "A very large sum of money."

—Brian Schmigiel

... "I want to stay close to the people I care about."

—Phil Grenchik

... "A cool graduation party and mega bucks to go towards a trip I've been planning for when I graduate."

—Kari Selby

... "A brand new car so I can go to places I need to go to."

—Sheilah J. Witten

... "All I want for graduation is a jet ski, a big open house and some money so I can get a new car."

—Brian Buchwalter

... "A car because I have already got in one accident with my mother's car, so I'd rather have my own since my mom doesn't want her car damaged in the future."

—Shelly Ardell



Kevin Dennis.

Wally Derifield: Teacher Asst 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.  
Amy DeVinney: Brush and Palette 2,3; Cheerleader 1; German Club 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Poms 4; Ski Club 2; SADD 4; Speech and Debate 2; Teacher Asst. 1; Swimming 2.  
Mayra Diaz: Teacher Asst. 4; Swimming 1,2,3.  
Tony DiCesare: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Swimming 3,4.

Robert Dick: Concert Band 1,2; Freshman Band 1; Concert Orchestra 2,3; Marching Indiana 2; Pep Band 2,3; Symphonic Band 3; Symphonic Orchestra 3; Solo & Ensemble 1.  
Bill Dishon: Football 1,2,3,4; Capt.; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2,3.  
Chandra Dixon: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2,3; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Intramurals 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4.  
Steve Dixon.  
James Doan: Football 1,2.

Sean Donahue.

Heather Downs.  
Valerie Dziubla: Pep Club 4; Saga 4.  
Michelle Lynn Eckhart: Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3; Prom Committee 4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Tennis 2.  
Dan Elkins.





**Carrie Ellenwood:** French Club 2; Concert Choir 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Girls' Basketball Mgr. 3; Soccer Mgr. 3.  
**Robin L. Elliott:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.  
**Bill Elise:** Teacher Asst. 4.  
**Rev English:** Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,4.  
**Brian Erdel:**



**Margaret Escalazeta:** National Honor Society 4 (Sec'y); Prom Committee 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Student Council 1,2,3 (Honorary Member); 4 (Class Rep.).  
**Gregory J. Evanutz:** COIL 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Symphonic Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 1.  
**Scott Ewing:**  
**David Falck:** Academic Letter 3,4; Brush & Palette 1,2; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4.  
**Tony Ferrarini:**



**Cynthia Finley:** Freshman Band 1.  
**Melissa J. Fisher:** French Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.  
**Chris Furd:** French Club 2; German Club 1; Prom Committee 3; Teacher Asst. 2,3; Student Council 1,2,3 (Class Rep.); 4, Ski Club 1,2,3,4.  
**Dawn Ford:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Homecoming Court 4; Freshman Band 1; Prom Committee 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2,3 (Honorary Member); Class Treasurer 4; Track 2,3,4; Volleyball 1; Soccer Statistician 3.  
**Melissa Franklin:**



**Linda Frick:** Concert Orchestra 3,4.  
**Nathan Gadzaia:**  
**Rhonda Garland:**  
**Tommie Geary:**  
**Elaine Gergely:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Thespians 3,4.



**April Gibson:** Freshman Band 1.  
**Anthony Girgenzi:**  
**Diana Gindick:** Cheerleader 1,2; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Pons 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4.  
**Sharon Godby:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2.  
**Eric Goetschel:**



**Michael P. Gonzalez:**  
**Mickey A. Gonzalez:**  
**Gary Goocher:** Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4.  
**Steve Goodreau:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Freshman Club 1; Speech & Debate 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Student Council 4 (Honorary Member); Basketball 1; Track 3,4.  
**Renae Grace:** Teacher Asst. 3,4.

Stacey Graham.

Jeanette Greer: Academic Letter 4; National Honor Society 4; Prom Committee 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Thespians 4; Basketball 1; Student Council Honorary Member 2; Tennis 2.

Trena Louise Gregory: Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Pom Poms 2,4; Saga 3,4; SADD 3; Student Council Honorary Member 1,2.

Troy Gregory.

Doug E. Greider: Academic Letter 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Legend 2; News Bureau 2,3; Pop Wow 1,2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 2,3,4; Science Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 2,3.

Philip James Grenchik Jr.: Intramurals 2; Teacher Asst. 3; Football 1; Golf 2; Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Tennis 3.

Laurie Griffith: French Club 3; Concert Choir 1; Swimming 1.

Lori Grinnell.

Cassidy Grube.

Robert Guernsey: German Club 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Freshman Band 1.

Tina Guess.

Amy Gume: Basketball Mgr. 1,2; Basketball Statistician 1,2.

Michael Gutierrez: Cross Country 4; Track 3,4.

Steve Guzik.

Steve Haines: Intramurals 1; Wrestling 1,2.

Dana Hakes: French Club 1,2; Concert Choir 1; French Traveler 2.

Mimi (Miriam) Hall: Freshman Band 1; Photo Club 2,3; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3; Concert Orchestra 1; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3; Cross Country 3; Chamber Orchestra 3; Marching Indians 1; Pit Orchestra 1,2,3; String Ensemble 1,2,3.

Anthony Hampton.

Chris Hamscher.

Elizabeth Hannon: Saga 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Mat Maid 4; Football Mgr. 4; Baseball Statistician 4.

Dale Harding: COIL 4; Spanish Club 3.

Christopher N. Harrison: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; String Ensemble 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Golf 2,3,4; Tennis 1.

Scott Harrison.

Besha Hartman: French Club 1; Guidance Office Asst. 2.

Thomas Havrilesko.

Christopher Havrilla: Intramurals 2; Chamber Orchestra 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 2,3,4; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; String Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 1; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Basketball Mgr. 1; Basketball Statistician 1.

Danny Hayes: Intramurals 4; Spanish Club 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Chinese Club 4.

Michael Hebda: JROTC Color Guard 2; Drill Team 2; Teacher Asst. 4.

Rick Hegdus: Intramurals 3,4; Photo Club 2; Teacher Asst. 4.

Chuck Helmink: JROTC Color Guard 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Physical Fitness 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Football Trainer 4.



**Mike Helton:** Fellowship of Christian Athletics 4; Baseball 1,2,3; Football 1.  
**Tommy Henry,**  
**Duane Hensley:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 2; Symphonic Band 3; Baseball 4; Football 1,2.  
**Myrna Hernandez:** Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Homecoming Court 4; National Honor Society 4; Prom Committee 3; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 3; Student Council Secretary 4; Honorary Member 1,2,3.  
**Cassandra Irene Hill:** German Club 1; Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Symphonic Band 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.



**Dawn Hill,**  
**Jonathan Hill,**  
**Leora Hitzley:** Prom Court 3; Teacher Asst. 3.  
**Lisa M. Hincley:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 2; Drum Major 4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.  
**Michael Holt,**



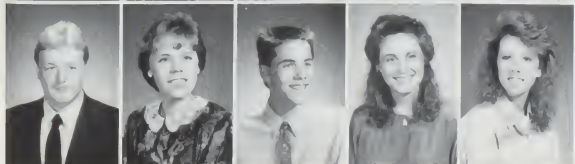
**John Homan:** Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2.  
**Brett Homann:** Ski Club 1,2,3,4.  
**Eric Hootman:** Teacher Asst. 4; Diving 1.  
**Marcy Horvath:** Academic Letter 3,4; COIL 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletics 2,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; German Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Class Representative 2; Tennis 1,2,3(Capt. 1,4(Capt.)), Volleyball 1,2; Boys' Tennis Mgr. 3.  
**Connie Hounshell,**



**Tina Howell,**  
**Ron Howerton,**  
**Jennifer Hudson,**  
**Jackie Hufford:** Speech and Debate 1,2,3,4(Pres.); Teacher Asst. 3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1.  
**F. A. Hull,**



**Michele Hull:** Basketball 1,2.  
**Dan Hurst:** Intramurals 1,3; Track 3.  
**Kim Hurst:** Cheerleader 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Poms 3,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1.  
**Carmen Huriado,**  
**Jennifer Hutha:** Brush and Palette 1,2,3; Art Block 3,4.



**George Hutman,**  
**Charlene Irvine:** Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3; German Club 1,2,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 1; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 2,3; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,3; Basketball 1; Softball 2.  
**Norman Isenminger,**  
**Almee Ives,**  
**Teresa Jackman,**

Jennifer Jacob.

Patricia Jahoda: Teacher Asst. 4.

Ed Jenkins: French Club 1; Prom Committee 3; Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; String Ensemble 4; Air Band 3,4.

Dawn Jenne: Spanish Club 1; Softball Mgr. 2.

Dave Jennings: Intramurals 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4(capt.); Football 1,2,3,4.

Eric Jeimund: Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Diving 2,3,4; Science Club 3; Golf 2,3,4.

Shelly Jewell: Concert Choir 1,2; Gymnastics 2.

John Johns: Teacher Asst. 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1.

Arturo Johnson: Photo Club 3.

Charity Johnson: Spanish Club 2; Teacher Asst. 2,3; Softball 2.

Julie Ann Johnson: Spanish Club 3; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Freshman Chorus 1; Swimming 1; Brush and Palette 1,2,3.

Stephen R. Johnson: Academic Letter 4; COIL 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Pow Wow 1,2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4(capt.); Teacher Asst. 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4(capt.).

Kristine Johnston.

Shawn D. Jones.  
Emily Jordan: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; Concert Orchestra 2; Jazz Band 3,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.

Lynn Juarez.

Debra Kaiser: National Honor Society 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2.

Dennis Kalina: Academic Letter 3,4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Football 1; Student Council 4; Track 1,2,3,4(capt.); Volleyball Mgr. 2.

Tom Karacsony: German Club 1; Football 1,2.

Nikki Kasprzak.

Lonny Keen.

Holly Keller.

Melissa Kelley: Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2.

Pamela Kirche.

Scott Kirtland: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; News Bureau 2; Baseball 1,2; Tennis 1,2,3,4.

Jeanette Knapp: Pep Club 3,4; Pom Poms 4; Saga 4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4.

Jennifer Knapp.

Melissa Knight.

Rebecca Kuhlaka.

Jennifer Kopeck: Pep Club 1; SADD 1; Teacher Asst. 1.





**Keela Kosky:** Intramurals 1,2; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3; Football Mgr. 3,4; Student Trainer 3,4.

**Donna Kotulock.**

**Anna Koughn:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 1,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,4.

**Sherry Kramer.**

**Mike Krostag.**

**Jason Kukler.**

**Tracy S. Katanek:** Fellowship Of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4 (Capt.).  
**Brian Kwiatkowski:** Ski Club 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3; Cross Country 1; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Student Council Class Rep. 2,3.

**Russell Lagneau.**

**Melanie Lamb.**

**Brian Lane:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Student Council (Vice-Pres.) 4; Class Vice Pres. 1,2,3; Track 1,2.

**Crystal Lange:** Concert Choir 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1.

**Lee Large:** Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; French Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Pep Club 4; Student Council 3,4.

**Michelle Larson.**

**Lorretta Leneer:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2; Pep Band 1; Swimming 1.

**Diego Lehooky:** Basketball 1,2; Football 2,3,4; Wrestling 1.  
**Natasha Letic:** Pep Club 4; SADD 4; Speech and Debate 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Student Council 2; Swimming 1; Track 1; Mat Mad 1,2.

**Anthony Levenda:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; Prom Court 3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4 (sec'y); 4; Drum Major 1,2; Pit Orchestra 3; Student Council Class Rep. 4; Tennis 2,3.

**Dave Lewis.**

**Richard Lebya.**

**Lisa Lilly:** Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4.  
**Dale Lindstrom.**

**Paula Becerra Llanos.**

**Charles Logsdon:** Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; German Club 2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; National Honor Society 4; Pit Orchestra 3; Symphonic Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 2,3; Tennis 3.

**David Lomax:** Academic Letter 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4.

**Nancy S. Lopez:** Pep Club 1; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4.

**Julie Lorange:** Academic Letter 3,4; Latin Club 2,3; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; National Honor Society 4; Photo Club 2; Spanish Club 1; SADD 2; Marching Indians 1,2,3; Pep Band 1; Pit Orchestra 3; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.  
**Christopher M. Lovall.**

**Eric Lucas:** German Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 3; Swimming 3,4.  
**Jennifer Luelman.**

# Seniors make choices for life

by Faith Wygle

Seniors have to make choices such as what their plans after high school are. Midterm graduates had to make that choice sooner than other seniors. Most seniors made that choice senior year, but others waited until after the ceremonies to determine what they want to do. Should they continue their education or should they get a job? Most seniors plan to continue their education.

... "College and parttime job."

—Mike Young

... "Continue my educational process at a local college or university."

—Steve Guzik

... "Take advantage of the evanescent summer and then one step closer to real life-college."

—Dan Olson

... "To make the most of this summer and then attend college."

—Melanie Robbins

... "Attend Indiana University in Bloomington to study business."

—Kris Vargas

... "Go to college of Court Reporting for two years."

—Cheryl Vogt

... "Attend Indiana University (Bloomington)."

—Heather Chaykowski

... "To have the best summer with my friends and then off to college."

—Amy Brantley

... "To attend Purdue North Central to study to teach special ed."

—Jamie Turner

... "To attend Indiana University in Bloomington to study business or early education."

—Theresa Russo



Jennifer Lundwall.  
Jennifer Lutz.

Deborah Ann Macys: Brush and Palette 2; Cheerleader 1,2; COIL 4; French Club 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Student Council Honorary Member 3,4; Lifer 3,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3.  
Shelly Major: Indianettes 1,2,3(Sergeant),4(Capt); Concert Orchestra 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4 (Capt.); Pit Orchestra 2,3; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,4.  
Christopher Malloee.

David Maiotti.

Margaret Marentes: Attendance Asst. 3,4; Art Block 3,4.

Monica Marentes: Concert Choir 3,4; Softball 1,2.

Kelly Marshall.

Stephanie Christine Marshall: French Club 1; Thespians 1,2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Student Council 4.

Daniel Martin.

Clay Mason: Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Math Club 1; National Honor Society 4; Basketball Mgr. 1,2; Football Mgr. 1,2; Basketball Statistician 1.

Bonnie Massey.

Walter Matheny.

Kevin Mattix.





**Tim Matsuga:** Intramurals 4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4;(Treasurer); Teacher Asst. 3,4; Thespians 3,4(Historian).  
**Philip Matusiak.**  
**Barbara Mayernik.**  
**Joseph Mazurek.**  
**Kristy McCulloch:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2. Intramurals 1,2; Ski Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 1,2; Teacher and Attendance Asst. 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4.



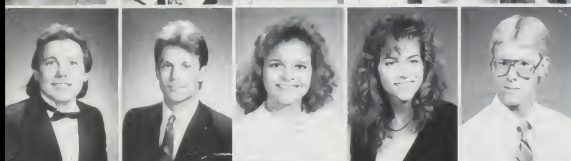
**David W. McDowell:** Intramurals 3,4; Math Club 1; Photo Club 2; Teacher Asst. 1,2,4.  
**Jeff McDowell:** Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1.  
**Laurie McIntire.**  
**Constance McKeown.**  
**Tony McMaster:** French Club 1,2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Solo & Ensemble 1.



**Lisa Medlin:** Indianettes 1,2; Pep Club 3,4; Pom Poms 4; Prom Committee 3.  
**Dawn Mendoza:** Brush and Palette 3; COIL 4; Photo Club 3;(Secretary);4;(President); Teacher Asst. 4.  
**Suzanne Mendoza:** Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Softball 2.  
**James Merfield.**  
**Joann Metaxakis.**



**Sandy Michaelis:** Science Club 3; SADD 2; Teacher Asst. 1,2; Swimming 1; Brush and Palette 2.  
**Jodi Michalak.**  
**Brian Miko.**  
**Dennis Miles.**  
**Wendy Mitleich.**



**Russ Miley:** Football 1,2.  
**Jeffrey Miller.**  
**Michelle Miller:** Latin Club 3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Spanish Club 1,2; SADD 2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Media Asst. 3; Symphonic Band 3,4; Diving 1,2; Swimming 1,2; Tennis 2,3,4; Track 2.  
**Venessa Miller:** Golf 2,3,4; Volleyball 1.  
**Scott Milligan:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2; Intramurals 4; Tennis 3,4.



**Bryan Mitchell.**  
**John Mitchell:** Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Wrestling 1.  
**Jennifer Mitckes:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Football Mgr. 3,4.  
**Susan Mixell:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Pep Club 3; SADD 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2; Orchestra Winds 2.  
**Hippolito Mojica II:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Chorallers 2,4; Spanish Club 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Symphonic Choir 1,2,4; Solo & Ensemble 2; Class Treasurer 2; Swimming 3,4; Wrestling 1,2.



Eugene Molnar: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Golf 4.  
Brett Munter.  
Charles Moore.  
Jennifer Moore.  
Marsha Moore.



Tara Moreland: Art Block 3 (pres.), 4 (pres.); Brush and Palette 2,3; German Club 1,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Concert Choir 1; Quiz Bowl 3; Science Club 1; Spanish Club 1,2; SADD 3,4; Freshman Chorus 1; Solo & Ensemble 1; Golf 1,2.  
Craig Morris: Teacher Asst. 2,3.  
Jeremy Morrison: Art Block 4.  
Clayton Morse.  
Aaron Mote.



Paula Motsinger: Academic Letter 3; Academic Decathlon 2; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Photo Club 3,4; Spanish Club 4.

Troy Mroz: Teacher Asst. 4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2.  
Paula Mueller: Intramurals 4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Thespians 3,4; Softball 2,3.  
Brian Mullins.  
Sandy Mundell: French Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 4.



Teresa Munsell: Concert Choir 1,2.  
Lori Napalowski.  
David Nedoff: Wrestling 1,2,3.  
Kami Neloff.  
Donald Nelson.



Julie Nelson.  
Kimberley Nelson: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Basketball Statistician 2.  
James Neubaum.  
Mark Newlin: Intramurals 3,4.  
Mark Nibbe: Teacher Asst. 4.



Michael O'Boyle.

James O'Dell.  
Dan Olson: Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Intramurals 3,4; National Honor Society 4 (Pres.); Saga 4; Diving 2; Class Vice-president 4; Tennis 2,3,4; Track 2; Girls Tennis Mgr. 3.  
Jennifer Olson: JROTC Color Guard 1,2,3; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Honor Guard 1,2,3; Concert Choir 3; Saga 3; Teacher Asst. 1; Symphonic Choir 4.  
David O'Malley: Science Club 2; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4.





Eric M. O'Neill: French Club 1; Concert Band 2,4; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 1,2,4; Drum Major 4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Pit Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Baseball Mgr. 1.

Calsa Orr:  
Ruben Ortiz: Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Science Club 3; Concert Orchestra 2,3,4; Drum Major 3; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.  
Paul Ostrander: Intramurals 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Golf 2,3,4; Basketball Mgr. 1,2.  
Drake Overturf: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Prom Court 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Stanley Padlo III.  
Evette Pagan.  
Isaac Pagan.  
Sally Palko.  
Angle Pantell: Prom Committee 3; Basketball 2.

Stephanie Parrotti.  
Keri Parsons.  
Chad M. J. Patselt: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Teacher Asst. 4.  
Tom Perez: Teacher Asst. 3,4.  
Nicki Justine Petersen: Brush and Palette 4(Pres.); Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Concert Choir 1; Saga 4; SADD 3,4 Sec'y.; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Thespians 4; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4; STOP 4.

# Seniors moving out

by Jenny Westerkamp

Leaving home for the first time can be a very traumatic or a very joyous occasion. Some people look forward to "leaving the nest," while others dread the prospect.

People are leaving for many different reasons. Some are moving into college dorms or apartments near campus. Others are leaving to get a job or join the military. Another option pursued by some graduates is marriage.

How do you feel about "Leaving the Nest"?

... "I'm not in any big hurry."

—Elvis Virostko

... "I think it will be kinda groovy to be out on my own. That way I can do what I want."

—Brett Montez

... "I can't wait to get away."

—Suzanne Aitken

... "It's a little scary, but it's something you

have to do eventually."

—John Davey

... "Well, it's kind of scary, because you have everything you need at home. When you're out on your own, you have to get everything for yourself."

—Mike Holt

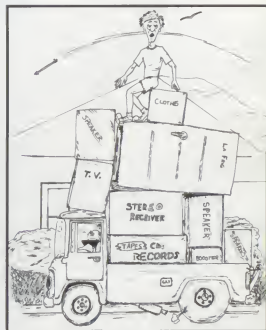
... "I probably won't be going away to college. I'll be going to a college nearby. I won't be leaving home."

—Pam Zielinski

... "I feel great about leaving home. I can't wait to leave home and meet all the new people I'll meet. I want to go away to college and be an interior designer. I will pursue my extracurricular activities as an interior designer."

—Kristin Servey

... "I am scared and excited at the same time. I want to go away to college, but I don't want to leave my family."



—Connie McKeown

... "I will be jumping up and down when I get to go to Illinois. I want to leave my family, but not my friends. Well, we all have to leave sometime. We all need independence, and this will be the start."

—Jennifer Fasel

# Disease strikes senior class

by Sheri Conrick

"Senioritis" affected almost every member of the class of 1990 by their graduation date. The symptoms began gradually, but they usually progressed rather rapidly. Symptoms for most victims included...

... "Laziness, not caring and constant talk of graduation."

—Dawn Bingham

... "Lack of attention, decline in grades, poor responsibility towards school and excessive ditching are the most common symptoms."

—Clay Mason

... "Some of my symptoms are not wanting to get out of bed in the morning, not doing my homework, day dreaming in class all the time and just wanting to get out."

—Brian Buchwalter

The definition of this all-consuming illness differs, but most students agree that it starts with the incredible urge to get out of school.

... "As the days of school go by a person becomes very, and I mean very, restless and impatient for graduation day to near. Temptations persist to ditch school or just not show up for a few days. Senioritis is a contagious disease. It seems if one senior gets it, so do the others."

—Shelly Ardell

... "Not wanting to do work, but just come to school to see your friends and to live the last days of high school to their fullest."

—Ray Adams

... "Senioritis is a carefree time to enjoy the last days of your high school career."

—Tim Matuga

... "To me, 'senioritis' means an illness not allowing you to concentrate in, around or about school."

—Brian Buchwalter

The time this illness strikes students varies.

... "Senioritis struck me after the first semester. I had just received the best grades of my high school career and, for some reason, didn't feel like doing any more work. It felt like I was getting more and more homework, and I felt like doing it less. It was probably not the homework, but the fact that I was being lazy. I started to think about other things like college and graduating, rather than thinking of my studies. It only lasted for the first half of the third grading period. Since then I have got my mind on my studies."

—Mike Zimmerman

Steve Peute: Latin Club 4.

Tami Philpott.

Derek Pierce: Intramurals 2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Marching

Indians 1.

Denise Planas: Prom Committee 3; Quiz Bowl 4; Spanish Club

1,2; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3.

Mike Plinovich: Teacher Asst. 3,4.

Amy Pollock: Academic Letter 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Fellowship

of Christian Athletes 1,2,3; Foreign Language Honor Society

3; National Honor Society 3,4(Treas.); Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom

Committee 3; Teacher Asst. 2,4; Office Asst. 1,3; Gymnastics 1,2;

Student Council Treasurer 4; Class Representative 1,2,3; Gym-

nastics Mgr. 3,4; Winter Homecoming Court 3.

Susie Postelmans.

Eric Powers.

Dwayne Price: Foreign Language Honor Society 3; Intramurals

2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Basketball 1; Football

2,3,4.

Laura Price: Pom Poms 4; Teacher Asst. 3,4.

Damond R. Quick.

Susanna Ralins: Academic Letter 4; Fellowship of Christian Ath-

letes 2,4; Homecoming Court 4; Intramurals 4; Prom Committee

3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4;

Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Class Representative 2,3,4; Student

Council Honorary Member 1; Tennis 1,2,3(Capt.),4(Capt.);

Boys' Tennis Mgr. 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4.

Martha Ralph: COIL 4; German Club 1,2,3,4; Girls' State 3;

Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Quiz Bowl 4; SADD 3; Speech

and Debate 1,2,3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.

Randy R. Rambo: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4.

Aaron Ratray.





**Michelle Redler:** Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Pep Club 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Prom Court 3/Princess; Ski Club 1,2,4; Class Representative 3,4; Tennis 1; Winter Homecoming Court 3.

**Jason Reese:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 4; Intramurals 4; Latin Club 1,2; National Honor Society 3,4; Ski Club 1; Teacher Asst. 4; Golf 2; Class President 4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Capt.

**Mark Reid:** Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1; Speech and Debate 3; Concert Orchestra 1; Symphonic Choir 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Student Council 1.

**Fil Reiner:** Jazz Band 2.

**Steven R. Rempke:** Academic Decathlon 4; Saga 3; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 4.



**Ceann Richardson.**

**Tonya Riddle.**

**John Risk:** Track 1,2.

**Don Ritchey.**

**Mark Roark:** Academic Letter 3,4; Boys' State 3; National Honor Society 4; Prom Committee 3; Prom Court 3; Ski Club 1,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Class President 1,2,3; Student Council State Convention Co-Chairperson 2,3,4; I.A.S.C. State Board 3,4; Student Council Pres.; Youth Gov't Day Mayor 4.



**Camille Robbins:** French Club 1,2,3,4; Girls' State 3; Latin Club 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 3; Senators Symposium 3.

**Melanie Robbins:** Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Spanish Club 4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Cross Country 1.

**Danny Robinson:** Concert Band 2; Symphonic Band 3,4; Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 4.

**Marty Robinson:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Legend 2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

**Keith Rootke:** Intramurals 3,4.



**Lisa Roque:** Concert Choir 4; Spanish Club 1; Teacher Asst. 3; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.

**John Rossi:** Football 1,2.

**Angela Rubertl.**

**Kelly Rushing.**

**Christopher Russell.**



**Joe Ruthenbeck:** National Honor Society 4; Spanish Club 3,4.

**Beth Samson.**

**Shawn Sanders:** German Club 1,2; JROTC Color Guard 4; Drill Team 4; Ski Club 1; Photo Staff 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Football 1; Athletic Trainer 3,4.

**Tracy Sandoval:** Cross Country 4; Track 3,4.



**Hermilio Santana:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Spanish Club 1; Symphonic Band 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Wrestling Mgr. 3,4.

**Rich Sasko:** COIL 4; Intramurals 3,4; Math Club 3(Vice-Pres.), 4(Pres.); SADD 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4.

**Becky Scharp:** Academic Letter 3,4; Photo Staff 3; Chinese Club 4.

**Stacy Schlobom:** Pep Club 4; Ski Club 3; Basketball 1; Track 1.

**Brian Schmigel.**

# Looking ahead to the future

by Trisha Springer

Looking back one last time is a hard thing to do for some people. It is a time for seniors to move ahead in life and start something new for the future.

Some seniors discussed the best times they had at Portage High School and realized it may not have been so bad after all. Am I going to college, or should I wait? Am I going to get a job or take a break from everything and relax?

Many seniors were going day by day waiting to graduate, and others dreaded going out in the real world. Asking some seniors what they are going to do after they graduate, there were many answers. . .

... "I am planning to get a job and make some money to go to college later. Then I will have a job during college and also find a place to live."

—Cathy Shaw

... "Go out and find as many parties as possible."

—John Risk

... "Go to school."

—Tom Tracy

... "College at I.U."

—Julie Lorange

... "College at Olivet."

—Patricia Coker

... "I'll be assisting a dentist until I earn enough money to go to college. Once I get accepted into a good college, I'll study English and become an English teacher. I was inspired by Miss Kotyuk."

—Jeanne Andros

... "I plan to relax during the summer then

attend an in state college where I intend to major in criminal justice."

—Matt Boger

... "I plan to attend a vocational college and acquire a skill."

—Joe Mazurek

... "I'm going to move to a Chicago suburb and attend Purdue University Calumet."

—Diane Chabes

... "I plan to attend college to become an airplane pilot."

—Carrie Brasser

... "I am planning to go to Purdue West Lafayette and study Elementary Education."

—Connie McKeown

Christopher Schneller: Ski Club 2,3; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.

Rita Schoenling: Teacher Asst. 1,4.

Dennis Schreiner.

Tracey Schultz: Basketball 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Softball 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

Randy Scott: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Baseball 1; Football 1; Class Rep. 1,2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Kari Selby.

Shannon Sells.

Jennifer Servey.

Wendi Shaffer: Media Asst. 1.

Carrie Shane: Concert Choir 1.

Amber Shaw.

Cathy Shaw.

Kenneth Shield.

Kurt Shipley: Science Club 2,3; SADD 3,4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4;

Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,4;

Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Student Council 2; Girls' Basketball

Mgr. 3.

Ed Shultz: Football Mgr. 1.





**Tiffany Shuster:** Freshman Band 1; Photo Club 4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Marching Indians 1; Solo & Ensemble 1; Diving 1,2,3,4; Boys' Swimming Mgr. 1,2.  
**Nikki Silverthorn:** French Club 1; News Bureau 3,4; Pep Club 1.  
**Pow Wow** 2,3,4; Editor in Chief; Quill & Scroll 3,4; (Sec'y.)  
 Science Club 3; SADD 4; Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; Student Council 4  
**Janelle Sinclair:** Teacher Asst. 2,3  
**Julie Sitar:** Freshman Band 1; Teacher Asst. 4  
**Chris Skonkowski:** Academic Letter 3,4; National Honor Society 4; Softball 2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.)

**Jean Smenyak:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3; Class Secretary 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,4.  
**Michael J. Smith:** Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; **Pow Wow** 1,2; Concert Orchestra 2; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.  
**Santana Sosa.**  
**Laura R. Soucy.**  
 \*Normand Soucy.

**Jeri Sowles.**  
**Michelle Spencer:** Brush & Palette 1,2,3(Sec./Treas.) 4(Sec'y./Treas.) COIL 4; Spanish Club 1,2; SADD 4; Art Block 3(Rec. Officer) 4(Sec'y.).  
**Kristin Spetz.**  
**Wendy Spiller:** Teacher Asst. 1,3,4  
**Gerald Splitgerber.**

**Kurt Squire:** Academic Letter 3,4; Boys' State 3; COIL 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.  
**Tammy Rena Stambaugh:** COIL 4; Fellowship Of Christian Athletes 3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1.  
**George Stanisic.**  
**James Butch Stanley:** Track 3.  
**Shane Stanley.**

**Wendy Stanley:** Fellowship Of Christian Athletes 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4.  
**Jole Stark:** Teacher Asst. 3; Track 2.  
**Jenny Statum.**  
**LeeAnn Sudieks:** Spanish Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Freshman Chorus 1.  
**Michelle Sulcer:** Concert Band 1,2; Teacher Asst. 4; Symphonic Band 3,4.

**Tracy Sulich.**  
**Christine Sullivan:** Spanish Club 2.  
 \***Brenice Summerfield:** Cheerleader 2; Winter Homecoming Court 3; Choralists 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom Poms 3,4 (Co-Captain); Prom Court 3; Ski Club 2; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4; Student Council 4.  
**Dan Sutton:** Intramurals 3,4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4(Capt.).  
**Kurt Swindle.**

\*The seniors of 1990 lost two classmates in April. transpl. Brenice Summerfield died Apr. 28, 1990, Normand Soucy died Apr. 21, 1990, awaiting a heart in a car accident.

Cynthia Swisher: Brush and Palette 1,2; Spanish Club 1; Art Block 3,4.  
Linda Szabo: Spanish Club 4.  
Kimberly Szutko: Art Block 3,4; Spanish Club 2.  
Lisa Szymanski.  
Kevin Tague.

Charlene Taylor.

Jack Taylor.  
Brian Terwilliger: COIL 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Prom Committee 3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; SADD 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Golf 2,3,4; Student Council 3,4(Class Rep); Tennis 2,3,4.  
Eric Twig Terwilliger: Intramurals 3,4.  
Chris Teutemacher: News Bureau 2; Science Club 2,3,4.

Shannon Theil.

Catrina Thomas: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Pep Club 3,4; Prom Committee 3; SADD 3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1,2; Symphonic Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2; Track 1.  
Lauralynn Marie Thomas: German Club 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; JROTC Color Guard 2,3; Drill Team 2,3; Concert Band 2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Photo Club 2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; SADD 4; Speech and Debate 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1.  
Jamie Thompson: Concert Choir 2; Pep Club 3,4; Freshman Chorus 1; Student Council 4.  
Marc Timberman.

Donna Tischbein: JROTC Drill Team 1; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Therapists 3,4.  
Melissa Tomak: Academic Decathlon 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Concert Choir 3; SADD 3(Pres.),4(Pres.); Freshman Chorus 1; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1.  
Tracy Thomas.  
William Treib.  
Scott Trembicki.

Mike Trent.  
Vivian Tressler.  
Sharon Tupper.  
Janie Turner.  
Tony Tyrka: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Baseball 1.

Shellie Untch: Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; COIL 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4(vice-pres.); Prom Committee 3; Ski Club 3; Teacher Asst. 1,4; Softball 2; Student Council 2,3,4; Track 1.  
Bill Uporek: Concert Band 2,4; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4.  
Amy Lyle.  
Melissa Utterback: German Club 2,3(Treas.),4(Pres.); Freshman Band 1; Photo Club 3,4(vice-pres./Pres.); SADD 4; Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; Diving 2,3; Boys' Track Mgr. 3,4.  
Tammy Valcich: Freshman Chorus 1; Softball 1,2,3.

# Memories will last a lifetime

by Nicole Scarbrough

When seniors were asked if there is anything special that will always remind them of Portage High School, there were a number of replies.

The replies ranged from friends and teachers to the sports that they participated in over the years.

... "The only special thing I can figure that would remind me of PHS is the friends I made while attending PHS, and the trouble we could manage to get ourselves into at times."

—Mimi Hall

... "When we beat Hobart at football."

—Tony Gergenti

... "One thing will always remind me of PHS is the teachers and how they acted towards me and the others; and the way they taught. For example, I'll remember the teachers who were willing to help the ones who needed help when they asked them."

—Sheilah Witten

... "Chewing tobacco in the drinking faucet."

—Julie Lorance

... "The swimming pool."

—Patricia Coker

... "There are two things that will always remind me of PHS: the wonderful school lunches and the excellent morning announcements."

—Brian Buchwalter

... "Miss Kathy Kotyuk."

—Ed Jenkins

... "Looking on my past years at PHS, I remember most of the great relationships I have had with my teachers. Unfortunately, when I graduate I'll miss these great friendships I've encountered while attending this high school. In conclusion, the sports programs are very special, and I've enjoyed participating fully in them while obtaining leadership and sportsmanship skills

from my wonderful coaches in golf and track."

—Shelly Ardell

... "I will always remember Mr. Douglas, who taught me so much in such a short time. He is indirectly responsible for my new outlook on the world. I only wish I could have had the opportunity to be around him more. And of course I can't forget my fiance, Nickolas."

—Wendy Achorn

... "My senior year."

—Kari Selby

... "My senior year."

—Jim Kilgore

... "The great times I spent with cross country team and the things I learned about running from Coach Wilke."

—Mike Zimmerman

... "My four years of football at PHS."

—Wally Derfield



Tracie Lynn Valtow: COIL 4; Latin Club 1,2; Spanish Club 4; Basketball 1.  
Kris Vargas: Spanish Club 4; Media Asst. 1; Track 1.  
Liza Velez.  
Steve Vespco: Football 1,2.  
Hector Viera: Freshman Chorus 1.

Michael Vogan: Lifter 4; Cross Country 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3.  
Cheryl Vogt.  
Maureen Volk.  
Michelle Walker.  
Jeff Wardell.

Sheri Wardrop.  
Tammy Watkins: Spanish Club 1; Symphonic Choir 4.  
Brian Weiser.  
Shannon D. Welche: COIL 4; French Club 1,2; Legend 2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4 (Co-president); Speech and Debate 2,3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Diving 3; Swimming 2; Mat Maid 1; Chinese Club 4.  
Paul Weltzin.



Penny Whitaker.  
Kevin White.  
Paula White: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3.  
Stacy White: Pep Club 3; Swimming 3; Track 2.  
Shawn Whiteside.



John Wible.  
Derek Wilkins: Football 1,2,3,4.  
Bill Willette.  
Kenneth Williams: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 2,3; Teacher Asst. 4.  
Fred Williamson.



Jeremy Willis: JROTC Color Guard 2,3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Physical Fitness 3; Rifle Team 1,2,3,4.

Eric Wilson.  
Heidi Wilson: Concert Band 3; Marching Indians 3; Pep Band 2; Solo & Ensemble 1; Softball 1.  
Todd Wilson: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Class Representative 1,2.  
Carla E. Wingard: Brush and Palette 1,2,3; French Club 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 4; Pip Orchestra 3,4; Symphonic Choir 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 3,4.



Bruno Winicky: German Club 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2.  
Rule Winters.  
Kris Wiseman: Ski Club 1; SADD 1; Track 1,2; Girls' Basketball Mgr. 1.  
Sheilah Witten.  
Debra Wixon.



Beth Wolfe: Brush and Palette 4; Latin Club 3,4; SADD 4.  
Sheila Wood: Freshman Band 1; Concert Choir 2.  
Heather Woodall: French Club 1; Teacher Asst. 1.  
Shannon Woodslee.  
Regina Worline.



Greg Wright.  
Michelle Wright.  
Pamela Yager.  
Michelle Yates: Teacher Asst. 4.  
Stacey York.





Christopher Young.  
Kelly Young.  
Michael P. Young: Brush and Palette 1; German Club 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3; Pow Wow 1,2,3,4; SADD 2,4.  
Sara Young.  
Carrie Zebley: Academic Letter 4; COIL 4; French Club 1; Girls' State 3; Legend 2,3,4; Editor in chief; Quill & Scroll 3,4; Teacher Asst. 4.

Salvador Zermeno III: Football 1,2.  
Pamela M. Zielinski: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL 4; French Club 1,2; French Honor Society 1; SADD 3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,4.  
Michael Zimmerman: Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

# Graduation brings new life

by Kristine Rea

As a ray of sunshine creeps around the crooked blinds, it pierces through an opening in the mound of covers that lie atop a feathery bed. From deep beneath the wool and polyester mountain, a faint moan is heard.

Three days have passed since graduation, and all the parties are over. It is officially the beginning of a new life, and adult life. What does that really mean, though?

A key thought for most seniors seems to center on the future. To many, the word *future* creates an vivid and ominous picture of uncertainty. Senior year is one of holding on to the past, yet breaking away into what will begin a journey to true independence and self reliance.

"Once I'm out of school, my life will be more exciting. There won't be any more getting up early, and I can stay up later. Also, I'll be able to go to school whenever I feel like it."

—Rose Adames

"When I'm done with high school, I'll have more responsibilities because I'll have to stick with more things, like a job and my college work. I won't be able to procrastinate, and I'll have to do things when I'm supposed to do them."

—Melissa Fisher

"After I'm out of high school, I think, I'll be able to talk to people easier and be able to see the world for what it really is. I'll be more educated and be able to deal with things better."

—Leora Hilzley

"When I enter the 'real world' nothing's going to be handed to me on a silver platter. There won't be a lot of people to help me out if I get into trouble."

—Pam Kirche

To some underclassman, leaving home after graduation is their ultimate dream. It represents a chance to be on their own and experience new things, but when those final moments come, many seniors find themselves staying home with their family and friends, or at least wishing they could stay.

"I'm staying home my first year of college because I'm too attached to my friends. Also, sometimes I get really worried I'll fall on my face when I leave. I guess everyone worries about that at one time or another."

—Rose Adames

"After high school I'm going to work for a year. Then I'm going to go to California and see how the jobs are down there."

—Melissa Fisher

"I don't want to miss all the people I know and I want to stay close to home, so I'm going to go to MCCI in Portage and study to be a medical transcriber."

—Linda Frick

For most of the rest of the student body at PHS, the summer represents only a break from the monotonous humdrum of school life, and while they're all excited about getting another year of school over with, no one can anticipate this coming summer as much as the graduating seniors. For some of them the end of the year provokes an image of the frightening reality of their up and coming adult life.

"I'm worried about being able to make a living and support a family."

—Brian Buchwalter

"Having to make decisions and figure out what I want to do with my future, scares me. I'm not going to be a kid anymore."

—Melissa Fisher

Many of the seniors feel that attending PHS has prepared them well for their future life after college.

"I've learned leadership and how to take self initiative to get things done since I've been at PHS."

—Sean Donahue

"PHS has made me more responsible, and the teachers and counselors have helped me learn to deal with the pressures that I will receive when I am on my own."

—Melissa Fisher

Teresa Achtea  
Melinda Ahreas  
Karee Alasiz  
Mike Alasiz  
Roa Aleman  
Louis Ampeliotis  
Aaa Marie Andros

Lisa Appelhagen  
Javier Armenta  
John Armstrong  
LeeAnn Ashby  
Sean Ashby  
Bill Aukel  
Cara Austin

Nathaa Autrey  
Caressa Ayres  
Shelly Bacoa  
Brock Badgley  
Carol Bailey  
Dennis Bailey  
Kim Baker

Karee Baee  
Rick Barajas  
Dennis Barres  
Edgar Batista  
Laura Baugh  
Shawa Baugh  
Christopher Bayer

Heather Bazaldua  
Rebecca Benson  
Maggie Bedroya  
Wyatt Begeske  
Christian Belcher  
David J. Bellar  
Brenda Beller

Mike Belt  
Melissa Berman  
Jamie Berry  
Jocailer Bethel  
JoLynn Bighart  
Dianna Blanchard  
Kelly Blaszkiewicz

Drake Bliaco  
Debbie Bliss  
Shaanon Bogucki  
Keith Boltze  
Jeff Bonez  
Jocailer Bonner  
Matthew Boone

Sean Boyd  
Kevin Borman  
Christopher Bradford  
Ricky Bradley  
Tanya Brashan  
Beth Braucher  
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Vicky Brown  
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Arona Buschman  
Teresa Byers  
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Shaaron Caras  
Deric Carr  
Dana Carrillo  
Georgia Carter

Jason Casiano  
Sean Castor  
Marc Cerutti  
Nathaniel Chaddock  
Carrie Chapman  
Michael Chasko  
Brian Cheek

Denais Christlieb  
Annessa Cichowicz  
Paul Ciciora  
Cassandra Clem  
Mark Click  
Lynette Conkley  
Randy Coffing

George Coffman  
Denise Cole  
Jamie Cole  
Michael Coleman  
Nikki Collins  
Kim Colvin  
Steve Conger

Mark Conners  
Dee Cook  
Staci Cool  
Stacie Coomer  
Angel Coosa  
Joe Coosa  
Sean Corey

Cari Ann Cotner  
Angie Cowan  
Edward Cowger  
Gleada Cox  
Shaaron Craig  
Joe Crawford  
Jamie Cressy

Paul Creech  
Jeff Cramer  
Chad Crosby  
Loevetta Crowell  
Joel Crozier  
James Dale Crum  
Rick Cruz

Angie Cubel  
Kasey Curtis  
Shaaron Dailley  
Wendy Dalzell  
Misty Daveaport  
Colette David  
Wendy David

Amy Davis  
Vincent Davis  
Donovan DeGastano  
Tony DeLeon  
Ed DeLuca  
Raymond Dennis  
Jesalifer DePorter

Tracy DeReamer  
Dawn DeRose  
Mike Dever  
Melissa DeVianey  
Michele Dick  
Lisa Dickerson  
Daany Dishno

Kelly Dixon  
Ljubica Djordjevic  
Les Doeppling  
Megan Donelli  
Danielle Donohue  
Brian Dosssett  
George Dresbaugh

Kathleen Dujmovich  
Dawn Eidman  
Tim Ellison  
Dave Ellman  
Marc England  
Brandy Ennulat  
Robert Enoch

Samantha Essig  
Christine Estes  
Sher Evans  
Alicia Ewen  
Joseph Falatic  
Michelle Fallon  
Tracee Fasel

Eric Fayish  
Rick Fee  
Chris Feldbusch  
Tracy Felinski  
Derek Fessler  
Dina Fessler  
Jon Fiehelkorn

Kevin Fields  
Georgianne Fife  
Luke Fisher  
Sigrid Fisher  
Karen Flach  
Archie Foreman Jr.  
Chris Foreman



## Living a life of freedom in the 80's

by Jenny Westerkamp

The 1980's will be remembered as the decade of the yuppie and the "me" generation. But it will also be remembered as the time when freedom came to many countries.

In Berlin, the wall came down and West and East Germany are on friendlier terms, with Communism weakened.

Gen. Manuel Noriega was ousted by Panama so a new, more democratic government could rule.

Nicolae Ceausescu was shot by his own Romanian people for his harsh dictatorship.

These and many other freedoms were won by people all over the world in this decade.

Junior Nicole Gagna commented about the reforms, "It's good that people are going to fight for their rights and not take a bunch of garbage from their leaders."

Who would have ever thought back in 1980 when the U.S. boycotted the Moscow Olympics, that in 1988 and 1989, the two leaders of the U.S. and the Soviet Union would meet for peace summits, or that the Berlin Wall would come down?

"I never thought in my lifetime the wall would come down. East Germany was the strongest of Stalinist nations back then," said Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht, German teacher.

A question many people ask themselves is how can all these faroff events can affect them.

Nicole's opinion was that none of these reforms would really affect her. Her comment was that it would all appear in history books someday.

Many things also happened in Northwest Indiana and at PHS. In 1989, a Hoosier Lottery was started to compete with the Illinois Lotto. In 1987, a few students from PHS formed "Delta Force" to kidnap a girl from Porter-Starke Services. Their plan failed. These are just a few of the many events that occurred in the area.

Junior Barbara Thorn said the best thing about the 80's was the taking down of the Berlin Wall.

"Destroying of the Berlin Wall (is the best thing) because it will make great progress towards unity," she said.





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Angie Foster  
David Foster  
Mike Francesconi  
Dan Franklin  
Heather Franz

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Tracy Fugate  
Carrie Gagna  
Nicole Gagna  
Mike Galindo  
Mike Gapsinski  
Chris Garcia

David Garcia  
Emily Gardner  
Traci Gaskin  
Sharon Casper  
Gary Gear  
Richard Giberson  
Michelle Gibson

Shawn Glad  
Shannon Goinis  
Mario Gonzalez  
Jeff Goodwin  
Christy Gregorash  
Tony Gregory  
Sherry Grinder

Walt Grishka  
Angela Grizzle  
Antoinette Grochowski  
Jackie Grochowski  
Mike Gronck  
Pete Gudinas  
Sherry Guernsey

Brian Guerre  
Thad Hadley  
Chris Hagan  
Janet Hall  
John M. Hall  
Rae Marie Hall  
Heather Hamerski

Curtis Hamilton  
Nikki Hamilton  
Thomas Hamilton  
Rich Hardin  
Carly Harris  
Chad Hayes  
James Headley

Anita Heath  
Mark Hein  
Mike Hendrix  
Ruth Henley  
Dan Herring  
Dan Hess  
Randy Hicks

Eric Hiemstra  
David Hill  
Jason Hill  
Mike Hinchley  
Tonia Hinshaw  
Chance Hodges  
Michelle Hodgson

David Hoefle  
Michael Holman  
Nikki Holman  
Mike Hook  
Cydi Horn  
Kelly Howard  
Deborah Howe

Kirtus Hudson  
Reva Hunter  
Mike Hurka  
Eric Ilgen  
Tim Jackowicz  
Marc Jackson  
Shawn Jakum

Larry Jarosak  
Adam Jaworski  
Shelly Jenkins  
Bryant Jimenez  
Jesse Johnson  
Margaret Johnson  
Miles Johnson

Randy Johnson  
Scotty Johnson  
Steve M. Johnson  
Lee Johnston  
Jennifer Jones  
Ryan Jones  
Amanda Joselyn

Steven Jovanovic  
Brian Kellogg  
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Rick Kinney  
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Misty Kirk  
Laurie Kish  
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Matthew Kujawa  
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Jason Lay  
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Ryan Levan  
Tim Lewis  
David Leyba  
Kimberly Liles

Karol Lintille  
Russ Livingston  
Joseph Llamas  
Marcum Lloyd  
Linda Locascio  
Darryl Locasto  
Scott Logsdon

Ken Lorenz  
Mindy Luna  
Ida Luttrell  
Adrienne Lynch  
Danielle Lynch  
Eric Lynn  
David Lyons





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Rick Miaza  
Tammy Miles  
Dan Miley  
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Mike Miller  
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A.J. Monroe  
Michelle Montague  
Mike Morales

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Cynthia Mote  
Todd Mueller  
Kelly Nahhan  
Jim Nelson  
Dave Nemeth  
Steve Nemeth

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Lisa Nicholson  
William Noble  
Melissa Novak  
Michelle Novak  
Troy Nugent  
Rade Ohradovic

Donald O'Brien  
Jason O'Dell  
Joe O'Hara  
Jason Oldham  
Angela O'Neill  
Lillian Opolski  
Joe Ortt

Hope Oslizlo  
Angela Ott  
Amy Ouderkirk  
Ken Owens  
Jenny Orholt  
Christy Padlo  
Sean Padlo

Maria Pallick  
Cindy Pappas  
Casey Patsel  
Adrienne Patty  
Pamela Pauwels  
Joe Pazard  
Carlos Pedrosa

Roger Peek  
Jennie Pele  
Aaron Pendleton  
Jody Perez  
Caryn Peterson  
Jason Phillips  
Bryce Pickering

Dale Pierce  
Susan Pierce  
Mike Pokorney  
Julie Popov  
Mark Powell  
Kim Pressley  
Peggy Price

William Price  
John Pritchard  
Bessie Pilhogios  
Jeremy Puett  
Chris T. Purser  
David Putman  
Janet Putman

Victoria Pyke  
Jo Lynn Rambo  
Rich Ramos  
Dawn Ray  
Yolande Razo  
Bryan Read  
Billy Reagor



## School crossing helpful or bother?

by Liz Shield

Ever since Portage High School East was built, students have had to cross between the two buildings.

This had become an extreme nuisance to many of the students. During the beginning of the school year, late summer, it was a relief to be able to get out in the fresh air. But as soon as autumn and winter hit Portage, the annoyance started.

Junior Danielle Shaw said, "They should have a covering over the walkway, or at least half of it." Most students did not appreciate having to go outside while they were sick.

Tonya Via, junior, said, "We are the ones who travel in the rain and the snow. It is such an insufficient means of travel that we have to take."

Smoking was another problem which the school crossing contributed to. Many students were caught, and a five-day suspension was handed out to the culprits.

Tonya said, "There should definitely be a better way to travel." Danielle said, "Even an

underground tunnel would be better than having to put up with the mess that students deal with when having to walk between the buildings. Or maybe even a long hallway connecting both schools."

Junior Chris Hagan commented, "It is very inconvenient. There are classes over at West that they could offer at East."

There are quite a few students that would agree. Such as Marc England, junior, said, "It is potentially hazardous, especially when it is icy."

The between-the-building crossing is not a very mentionable subject that all that many kids bring up. But it is an issue that people who put up with the nasty weather, while walking across, pay attention to.

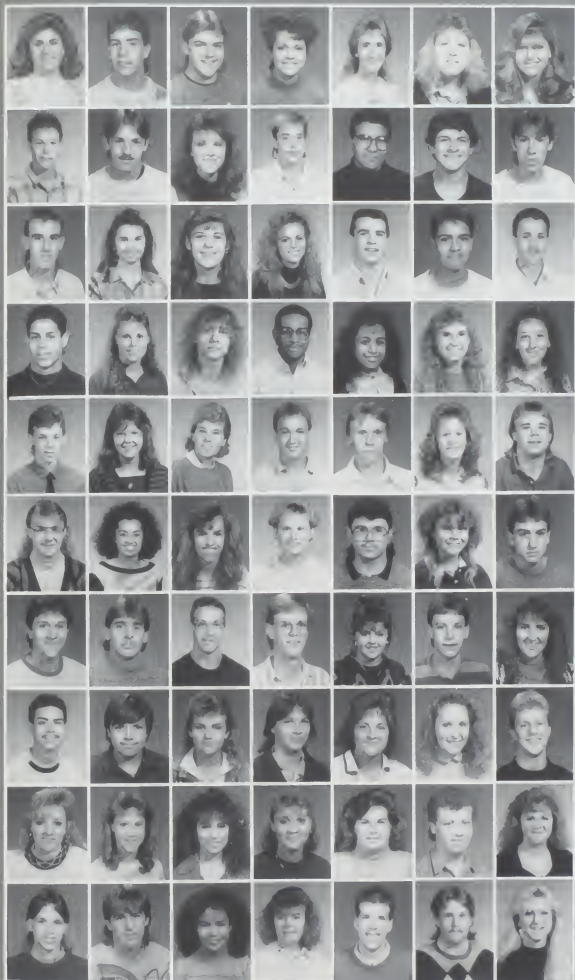
Amy Davis, junior, said, "It's kind of annoying when it's raining or when it's snowing, but when it's nice outside it's fun to get out of the building."

Though the school crossing is helpful to people, it is also looked upon as a nuisance by some students.



The attention of students can be aroused by the weather. Many students had to plan their outfits according to the weather because of having to cross between the buildings.

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Joy Reber  
Bernie Reclio  
Brian Reed  
Amanda Reid  
Michelle Reisinger  
Tina Retherford  
Monica Rice

Joe Rich  
Jim Richards  
Karen Richman  
Kevin Rippel  
Rickie Rivera  
Howard Rix  
Chris Robbins

Jason Robertson  
Wendy Robison  
Rae Ann Rockhill  
Stacey Rodarte  
Ben Rodgers  
Joe Rodriguez  
Rob L. Rodriguez

Rob R. Rodriguez  
Jessica Rogers  
Jim Rogers  
Dan Romaa  
Michelle Roman  
Michelle Roque  
Jennifer Rose

Troy Rose  
Anita Rubakava  
Beraadette Rubbi  
Jim Rusanak  
Robert Russell  
Tawnee-Raye Russell  
Bob Samanský

Danaay Samuels  
Maritza Sanchez  
Nicole Sauech  
Jenifer Schafer  
Doaald Schliak Jr.  
Kristine Schaeider  
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James Scott  
Jasoa Scott  
Mark Scott  
Erik Soderberg  
Tracie Servey  
Deaais Settle  
Christie Shaffer

Greg Shaffer  
Charles Shane  
Danielle Shaw  
Angela Sherbird  
Michelle Sherwood  
Liz Shield  
Christopher Shoppa

Cassey Shultz  
Katie Shurman  
Natalie Silaghi  
Eleaa M. Siler  
Amy Simola  
Jim Sims  
Pam Sinek

Richard Slawinski  
Jim Slease  
Carol Sliaker  
Amy Smith  
Briana Smith  
Chris Smith  
Laurisa Smith

Jim Sleese  
Carol Slinker  
Amy Smith  
Brian Smith  
Chris Smith  
Lauria Smith  
Luther Smith

Michael P. Smith  
Mike W. Smith  
Nick Smith  
Shannon Smith  
Terry Smith  
Tommy Smith  
Tommy Someson

Jeff Soucy  
Lorri Sowa  
Jarret Spence  
Chris Spradlin  
Teri Squires  
Shana Stacy  
Nick Stamate

Aimee Stanley  
Chris Stanley  
Jennifer Stanley  
Robin Stanley  
Derek Steele  
Ken Stitts  
Jennie St. Myers

Dwight Stowers  
Marsha Striplin  
Kelly Sullivan  
Stephen Summers  
Brian Sutton  
Kyle Swerdson  
Jennifer Szmuto



## Let the people decide on their music

by Dan Miley

Musical madness had struck the area. It seemed as if everyone had been hit by the new sensation. There was so much variety in the music students listened and danced to that it was hard to keep up with the latest sounds.

Some people liked music that was fast and heavy. The latest craze was screaming guitars, pounding drums and voices that shout out the lyrics. Bands like Metallica and Slayer were well liked.

Mike Smith, junior, said, "I listen to heavy metal music because the beat is fast and it makes me feel like picking up a guitar to start jamming on it."

If Pop or Top 40 was more to a person's liking, then the beat of "Baby, Don't Forget My Number," by Milli Vanilli would really get people moving on the dance floor.

Freshman Stephanie Byarlay said, "I really like listening to the radio because they play my favorite music."

Others liked to move their swaying bodies in different directions when it came to types of music.

The raucous and off key sounds of alterna-

tive music such as Front 242, The Smiths and Love & Rockets attracted mobs of followers.

Sophomore Melanie Marsden said, "I listen to all types of music, but I got out of my way to listen to punk and alternative music because I like the lyrics and the way the singers look and dress."

For those who liked to do "The Wild Thing," like Ton-Loc, rap was one of the many happening fads in music.

Jason Pete, freshman, said, "I like the funky lyrics and the beat that the rappers come up with."

When a person was home flipping the stations for something entertaining to watch, what better station to turn to than MTV, meaning "Music Television". MTV premiered new videos, told the latest in music news and brought back old favorites.

Senior Dave Bellar said, "I like watching MTV before I go to bed. I like seeing the new videos and things because there is nothing else on."



Tim Bono, a former student of PHS, DJ's at one of the dances held at PHS East. All types of music were played at the dances to please all of the students.



Christopher Taggart  
Dennis Tarr  
Lori Tarrant  
Shelley Taylor  
Kurtis Terry  
Tami Tharp  
Jeff Thomas

Ray Thompson  
Barbara Thorn  
Bob Tilford  
Jackie Torrez  
Michell Torrez  
Sheri Tracy  
Danay Trull

Lacey Trzeciak  
Tony Turner  
Melinda Uhls  
James Uplike  
David Urchick  
John Vaclavik  
Tracy Valetich

Scott VanBuren  
Tony Velez  
Jamie Verboon  
Matt Vernon  
Floyd Vestal  
Tonya Via  
Stephanie Vincent

Lisa Vogan  
Bill Vourazeris  
Scott Vuko  
Laurs Waddell  
Jim Wachter  
Christine Waincott  
Dawn Walker

Jeny Walker  
Jack Wallace  
Deanna Wallaske  
Jeff Ward  
Vinnie Wardecki  
Jeff Warona  
Joe Warren

Robert Watkins  
Brian Watral  
William Watts  
Keely Weldon  
Tracey Weller  
Geoffrey Wells  
Jenny Westerkamp

Tracey Westforth  
Toni Whitaker  
Jimmy White  
Sheri Whiteide  
James Wilborn  
Mike Wilder  
Todd Willis

Becky Wilson  
Christy Wilson  
Joyce Wilson  
Matt Wiczak  
Renee Wojtanek  
Shawn Wood  
Jerry Woodard

Gary Woudema  
Jodi Wozniak  
Joe Wozniak  
Kristie Wright  
Jim Wyatt  
Faith Wygle  
Jason Yaros

Chris York  
Jennifer York  
Joe Young  
Rick Yudi  
Kim Yuhasz  
Renee Zazado  
Marcia Zeck

Caleb Zelencik  
Lisa Zielinski  
Victoria Zills  
Christopher Zolkowski



# PHS, most modern school in town

by Jenny Pete

It was with awe and curiosity that students first set foot into the brand new Portage High School a decade ago. This 10-year landmark is something for everyone to reflect upon.

Eyes popped wide open at the first sight of the interior of PHS. Some busily chattered among themselves about their approval of the decor.

That very first day was just a glimpse at how different things were going to be. The building was still under construction, which made it necessary to dodge scaffolds and carts that were lying around. Muddy feet and flying dust were just part of everyday life, until things were finally under control.

Mr. Forrest L. Rhode, principal, said, "Back in 1979 it was a different situation; transitions had to be made. There was a new principal—me! There was also some difficulty in adjusting, but things are infinitely better now."

It wasn't just the students who were looking forward to returning to classes. The teachers and faculty anticipated it as well, and maybe even more so.

Wandering down memory lane, Mr. Robert Mullen, Biology teacher, said, "It was very exciting in the beginning because it is only once or twice in a lifetime, as a teacher, that you get to go into a brand new building."

"Nobody knew their way around. You needed a map to find everything," Mr. Mullen added jokingly.

There were many reasons why everyone was thrilled with their new school. Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz, speech and English teacher, said, "The new school was important to me because I had my own room, finally."

Mr. Marvin Allison, U.S. History teacher, said, "I appreciated the building because of the old high school. This place was like a palace compared to the old high school on Central Avenue." That facility, since remod-

eled, now houses Willowcreek Middle School.

PHS can indeed be called a palace. Even though year after year has passed, bringing new faces to the 2,700 students that already attend, everything is still in excellent condition. Visitors and administration can't believe the school is 10 years old because there is so little wear and tear.

"I think the building is in great condition," said Mrs. Anne Addis, secretary. "Everyone has taken such pride in it that it looks the same since we first moved in," she added.

From one hallway to the next, or up one staircase and down the other, the school still looks like it did on that very first day to be marked in the history of Portage.

Students have the same feelings. Meredith Harris, junior, expressed her feelings, "The school is big. I never saw such a big school before with lots of people. It's nice here."

Tim Mattix, sophomore, feels the same. "PHS is pretty cool. It's better than other schools in this area."

PHS has come a long way down the road of

success. One of the many accomplishments is that it is the second time in the history that the State Student Council Convention took place at the school. Also, adding a second computer room was a big improvement. The school grew to its present size when freshmen rejoined the high school in 1982-83 and the former Grissom Middle School became PHS West.

There have been so many different clubs that have popped up during the years, that it is often confusing to choose one. Mr. Jerry Lasky, Economics teacher, feels that the clubs are a great achievement.

"There seem to be a lot more activities and organizations for the students here. There is more student involvement," he noted.

"We've been a school of the 80's and now we are getting ready to step into the 90's," said Mr. Rhode.

Here stands Portage High School East. The sign out in front of the high school was dedicated from the class of 1988.





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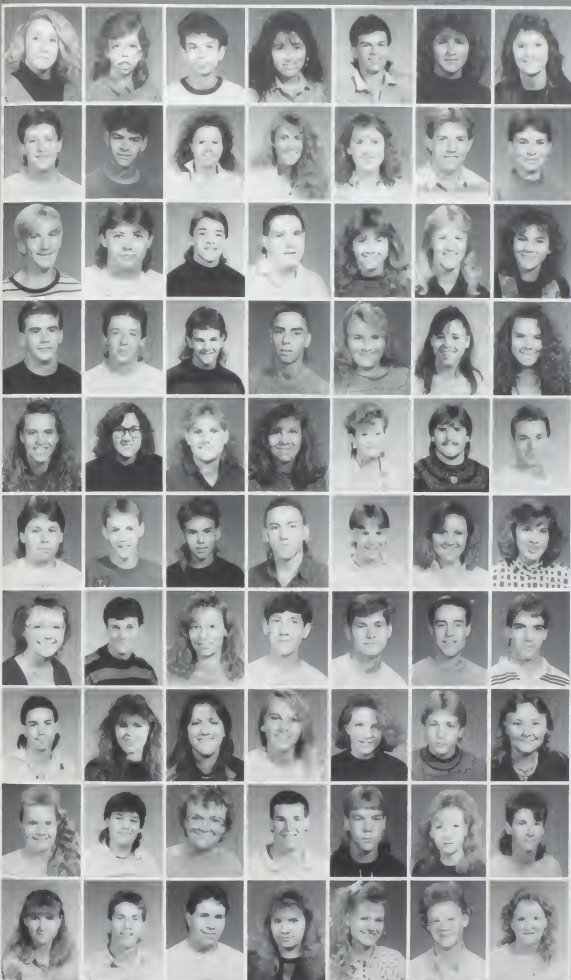
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Geoffrey Jacobs  
Randy Jacobson  
Tony Jank  
Kelly Jannasch



## Leadership essay earns Conrick trip

by Sheri Conrick and Dawn DeRose

The Hugh O'Brian leadership contest is a national search for sophomore students who display outstanding leadership qualities in and outside of the school.

Twenty-five finalists were chosen from all of the essays entered and from there the judges picked the winners. Sheri Conrick and Marissa Krenkel were chosen as winner and runner-up, respectively.

The qualifying essay was made up of three main parts—how the applicants demonstrated their leadership ability, how they expressed sensitivity and concern for others, and how they showed a desire to learn and to share their knowledge with others.

The essays were judged by Mr. James Conway, assistant principal; Mr. Dennis Norman, English teacher; Mrs. Cathie Jacobs, English teacher; and Mrs. Pat Klewer, English teacher.

Sheri attended the Hugh O'Brian western seminar at Butler University in Indianapolis June 1-3. The trip's expenses were provided for by the foundation.

The representative said, "I was surprised to receive the award. I wasn't even aware that I was a finalist until they told me that I had won."

Marissa also said winning came as a surprise to her. "I was surprised because I didn't even think about winning," she said.

Sheri was on the yearbook staff, an honorary member of the Student Council and an activities aide at Miller's Merry Manor, a nursing home in Portage.

Sheri has also attended a journalism workshop at Indiana University in Bloomington where she worked with other high school students in sharing ideas about the yearbook staff.



Sophomore Hugh O'Brian leadership contest winners, Sheri Conrick and Marissa Krenkel



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Jawnd Javed  
Rosemary Jefimenko  
Mitt Johnson  
Melanie Johnson  
Melissa Johnson

Senn Johnson  
Marissa Jones  
Josh Jordan  
Mark Joseph  
Jeremy Jonnovic  
David Joyce  
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Mike Kemper  
Chad Kestner  
Mary Ann Kilgore  
Jeff Kimbrough

P.J. Kingery  
Lesley Kirk  
Christine Kish  
Jason Knapp  
Jim Knight  
Vaneen Koski  
Carrie Kovats

James Kozenchik  
Carrie Kozlowski  
Robert Kranick  
Marion Krenkel  
Chris Krulik  
Dave Kubink  
Steve Labus

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Jennifer Lamb  
Stacey Lance  
April Lange  
David Lapine  
Sarah Latham  
Ben Lauper

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Chris Lello  
Melissa Lemond  
Kim Lenburg  
Cliff Lenson

Roberto Leon  
Amy Lewandowski  
Carrie Lewis  
Angie Lilla  
Mike Lindstrom  
Thomas Little  
Dave Lobins

Melissa Lockwood  
Henther Lorraine  
Jennifer Lotbinn  
Kenneth Lovelace  
Jennifer Lowe  
Mike Lowe  
Amy Lute

Chris Lynch  
Sondresse Mblon  
Jennifer Mallonee  
Mike Mann  
Shari Maraske  
Nanale Markovich  
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Melanie Marsden  
Carrie Martin  
Dawn Martin  
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Tara Martin  
Irene Martinez  
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Melissa Matthews  
Tim Mattis  
Burlie May  
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Jennifer McCleary  
Michelle McConnell

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Amanda McKewen

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Mike Mend  
Jeff Medley  
Michelle Mendez  
Doug Meyne

Gretchen Miessowski  
Ginger Mikulich  
Mike Miley  
Don Miller  
Edward Miller  
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Mark Miller  
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Scott Milster  
Chris Mielick  
Richard J. Miotke  
Angela Mitchell  
Donna Mitchell



## Views on life in the student commons

by Nikki Silverthorn

The question of what the student commons really is and why PHS actually has a student commons may come up in some conversations.

The student commons is a carpeted area next to the south cafeteria, where students relax, talk or eat, before and after school and during lunch hours. The commons is also used for shows, such as the Prom Formalwear Show and small concerts such as the Choralliers or band members performing around Christmas time. One last activity that the commons is frequently used for is school dances.

A few sophomores had some things to say about the commons at PHS East.

Trinity Brindza said she thinks the main purpose of having the commons is "to lounge around and visit with your friends. I hang out in the commons because it is the most com-

fortable place in the school."

Carrie Kovats' opinion on the commons was, "I think the main purpose of the commons is to gather with friends and to find everyone because that's usually where everyone goes."

Carrie said she also hangs out in the commons because it's the most comfortable place to eat lunch.

On a slightly different note, Jeannie Vourazeris said she thought the main purpose of the commons is to eat lunch.

"I hang out in the commons because I meet a lot of new people," said Jeannie.

There may be a variety of likes and dislikes about the commons that the sophomore class would like to voice.

Danny Poznanski said his favorite part of having the commons is "because it's cheerful with all of my friends here." Danny said, however, that it should be bigger.

"My favorite part of having the commons is, it's somewhere for everyone to meet," said Amy Gruchalski.

"I don't like how in the mornings everyone is separated into cliques," said Amy when questioned on her dislikes of the commons.

One last aspect of the student commons that was voiced by sophomores was what should be changed and what should stay the same.

Trinity's opinion was, "We need music!" She likes the idea of maybe getting a jukebox, but she thinks the atmosphere should stay the same forever.

The last comment was from Amy was, "I think they should put more benches because everyone has to sit on the ground, but I like the fact that that's where everyone goes to meet everyone else and get together—I think that should stay the same."



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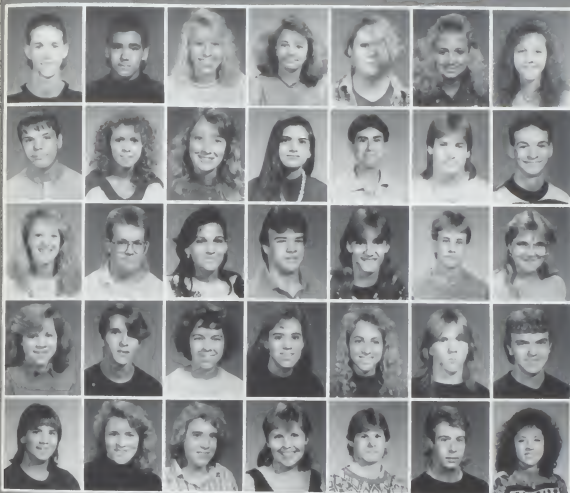
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## Academic Decathlon: mind over body

by Jenny Westerkamp

When a decathlon is mentioned, sports is what usually comes to mind. But there is a different kind: an Academic Decathlon.

The Academic Decathlon has both individual and team competitions, covering nine topics: mathematics, science, language and literature, fine arts, economics, speech, essay, interview and social science. American Indians was the topic used during team competition.

The big meet was on Jan. 20, at Kankakee Valley. It was an all-day event. Students took six 30-minute written tests with a five-minute break in between. During that 30-minute period, students did their speech and interview. The hour long team competition took place after the written tests and before the awards ceremony.

To prepare for the big meet, the team participated in a mini-meet on Dec. 11 at LaPorte. During the competition, three PHS students were awarded ribbons. Senior Steve Rempis took first place in fine arts and literature and a second place in both social science and economics. Senior Jennifer Luellman placed second in English and fine arts. Placing third in social sciences and economics was Senior Robert Dick. Overall, the team ranked third out of the seven competing teams, in the American Indian category.

Senior Paul Weltzin said that he joined the decathlon because he hadn't really gotten involved in anything at school for a while.

"It sounded fun and interesting," said

Missy Tomak, senior.

The team met twice a week in sponsor Miss Shirley Spielman's room. They discussed the more difficult subjects with teachers who volunteered to help.

Missy said preparing for the meet was hard. "There's just so much you have to know, everything about all topics," she said.

Paul said the hardest subjects for him were speech and the fine arts.

On the other hand, Missy found fine arts easiest.

"It (Academic Decathlon) helps you brush up on stuff you've forgotten and you also learn a lot of new stuff," said Paul.

Miss Spielman commented, "Academic Decathlon is a four-year education in just a couple of months."

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## Fitness gains popularity during PE

by Jennifer Pete

If the sight of students hanging from bars and huffing and puffing for air rings a bell, it must have been from the President's Fitness Program.

It was started in 1956 by President Eisenhower as part of a national program. The goal was to get America's younger generation jumping into shape. Today the council's program places greater emphasis on exercise for everyone.

Miss Bernita Adkins, physical education department coordinator, said, "You can't separate the mind from the body. If you can't get a good body working together, you have to be physically fit as well as mentally fit."

Miss Adkins brought the fitness test back to PHS. Freshmen took it three times during the year, and the other classes took it twice.

So what was all the hype about suddenly getting in shape? Mr. Bill Wilke, PE teacher,

said, "It's been brought to our attention nationwide. As a physical educator, it's part of our duty to let the students here know that physical fitness is pretty important not just now, but for the rest of their lives."

The students were put through a variety of tests that challenged them in exercises like stretching and running. Students were able to win either of two awards.

There was the Presidential Physical Fitness Award (PPFA), which recognized an outstanding level of physical fitness. It was only for the boys and girls who scored at or above the 85th percentile on all five items on the President's challenge.

Then there was the New National Physical Fitness Award (NPFA), which was awarded for achieving a basic yet challenging level of physical fitness. Students who scored at or above the 50th percentile on all five items could have had this. These two awards bear

the signature of the President.

The test scores here were pretty low. Most PE teachers said that the kids did about average or below, but they could have done better.

Robert Rosales, sophomore, didn't mind the exercises at all. "It wasn't that hard. I didn't mind doing it."

On the other hand, Julie Witka, sophomore, said, "I didn't like taking the test, but I think it did help to measure and rate your abilities in certain areas. By taking it, it helped to make you aware of where you stood within the nation, and what areas you might need to work on."

Mr. Wilke couldn't have agreed more when he said, "I hope that the kids realize that they need to be a little bit more aware of their fitness. Fitness isn't something to be afraid of. Fitness can be fun."

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\*Paul M. Berry III died on Apr. 30 in a moped accident.



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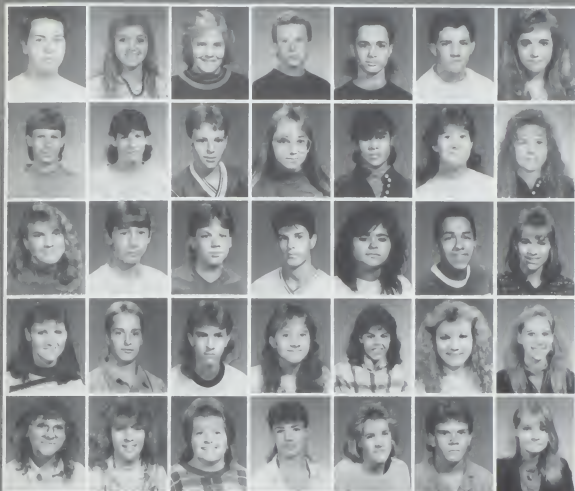
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Margaret Heckman  
Adam Hedger  
Heather Hedstrom

## Making it through freshman year alive

by Joanne Scott

Many students have probably heard, experienced and had to deal with the teasing, jeering and joking directed toward freshmen from what can seem to be numerous multitudes of the older teenagers, the upperclassmen.

Most freshmen said they were treated fairly by upperclassmen overall, but there were a few who didn't feel this way. Freshman Kevin Schultz was one of them. He said, "They (upperclassmen) like to push their weight around a little more than they should."

Most freshmen felt welcome at East when they were with their friends, but without them some felt inferior to the upperclassmen. Freshman Bryan Rearick admits he felt a little out of place without their older friends around. Jessica Shreve, freshman, confessed, "I feel out of place when I'm not with my upperclassman friends."

Some of the freshmen were lucky enough to know some of the students that resided in the east building. They said that they felt a little out of place without their older friends around. Jessica Shreve, freshman, confessed, "I feel out of place when I'm not with my upperclassman friends."

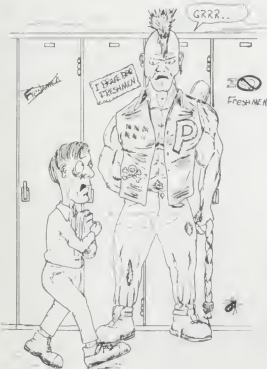
You can probably remember the awful and outrageous rumors you heard about upperclassmen when you were just entering high school. Unless you were very brave, you probably felt a little apprehensive about getting out of bed every morning and leaving for that strange new school, the high school. It helped, of course, if you knew someone already in high school.

Bryan admitted he was a little frightened and unsure of what to expect, but he had upperclass friends, so it didn't bother him for very long.

Jessica wasn't worried because she had upperclass friends and she knew the teasing would pass quickly.

Daniel Shoppa had an older brother, so he wasn't worried either.

Overall, jokes made at freshmen are usually just upperclass friends teasing them meaning no harm to them. They are just following in the footsteps of the upperclassmen for years before they were even born. Bryan said he didn't mind his friends teasing him, and he also admitted he'll also tease his freshman friends when he becomes an upperclassman.



Henther Hegedus  
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Karrle Headle  
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Sheryl Henrichs  
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Tanya Hudson  
Joseph Huff  
Brenda Humphries



# Mondays, grades and other disasters

by Joanne Scott

Everyone has one of those days when everything goes wrong; then there are days that are so disastrous and terrible, they make a typical bad day look preferable.

A typical bad day for freshmen is usually school orientated. A lot of students said the first day of school was bad for them for one reason or the other. Jennifer Walker said the first day at high school was the worst because she'd been away from Portage since sixth grade and everything was different when she came back, but everything was fine later. Jennifer Jacobs was nervous about going to high school because she was unfamiliar with the school. For some students report card day can be a very traumatic experience. It can make a perfectly good day take a turn for the worst.

The consequences may sometimes be deadly. When Shannon Young went home on report card day, she probably never suspected she'd be sitting at home grounded for an eternity.

"You'll look back on this and laugh" is what most people say to make their friends feel better when an embarrassing or humiliat-

ing experience occurs. At the time when these days occur, no one believes them.

The worst day for Becky Blatlock was probably more embarrassing than upsetting. "This summer when I attempted to water ski, I fell in front of a bunch of cute guys. I felt really embarrassed when they looked at me."

Shannon Emmet spoke of a similar experience. "Yesterday in my math class I fell and hit my head, didn't have my homework done and got yelled at because I broke a plate at home."

"Mondays" sums up the elements to make a bad day for Chris Melvin.

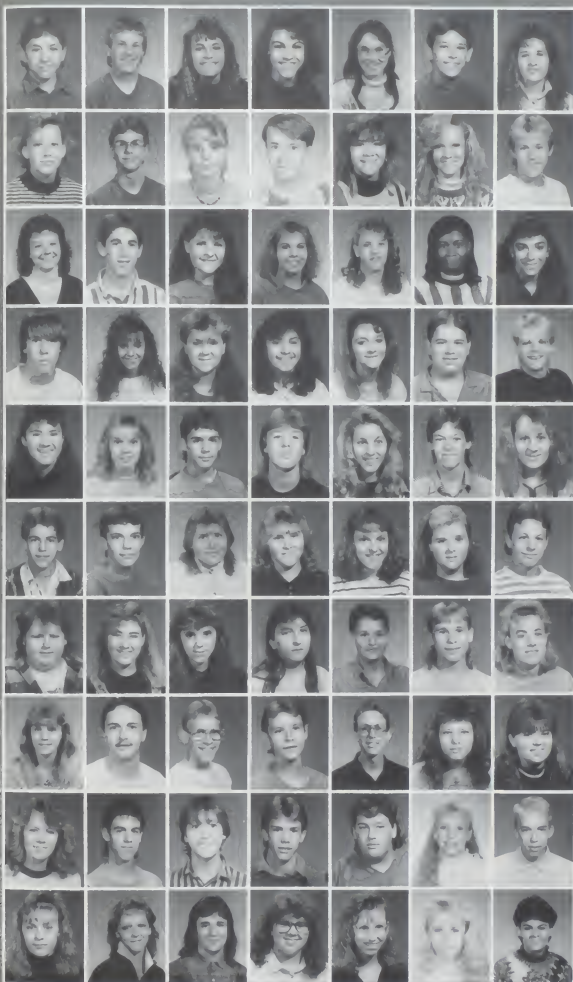
Some bad days don't start out that way. Dave Serano borrowed his brother's car, and his brother and dad were furious.

"When my mom drove me to the outskirts of Valpo and made me walk home because she was mad at me was the worst day I ever had," said Pat Donelson.

Frieda Psihogios and Nellie Check share a similar bad experience. Both their houses burned down.

Although students' bad days vary, they all agree they can do without them.





Jesse Hurtado  
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David Jennings  
Kimi Jimenez  
Stacey Johnson  
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Chris Jones  
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Kelly Jones  
Tamara Jones  
Tammy Jordan  
Jamie Joseph

John Joseph  
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Thomas Manske  
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Caleb Marcinkovich  
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Jeff Marshall  
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Joe Martin  
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Jodi Mary  
Dave Mathews  
Michelle Mathews  
Amy Mattix

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Shannon McAllister  
Scott McConnell  
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Chris Melvin

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Eric Nance  
Jason Napier

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Sean Nelson  
Shannon Nelson  
Wendy Nelson  
Lynn Nguyen  
Jay Nicholson





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Merri Noble  
Jose Olivencia  
Jenny Ondo  
Jason O'Neal  
Celena Origel

Maribel Ortiz  
Court O'Shea  
Jayne Osika  
Lisa Osterkamp  
Aaron Ott  
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Mike Paviadakis  
Michelle Payne  
Leslie Pelot  
April Penny  
Mailda Perez  
Robert Perham  
Carrie Perkins

Courtney Perkins  
Josh Persuhn  
Jason Pete  
Lora Phegley  
Todd Phillips  
James Platch  
Lisa Pickett

## Right to drive depends on attendance

by Kim Crosslin

Since the beginning of time, most students have dreamed of the day they'd have own their own license. They anxiously await the day when they will be cruising down the road in their own car to the mall or the movies. It wouldn't really matter where they went because they would be driving. This dream may be shattered for some students if they violate the new motor vehicle attendance law.

The attendance law, which was effective as of July 1, 1989, deals with expulsions, suspensions and habitual truancy. The law prohibits the Board of Motor Vehicles from issuing a driver's license or permit to a student less than 18 when that student has been suspended twice in a school year, expelled or titled as habitually truant. To be considered habitually truant, a student must be truant three days in a row, three days over a five-day period, or five days in a semester.

"Students that felt they could get away with (truancy, ect.) now know the importance of attending school," Mr. Andrew Halaschak, attendance officer, said.

The law requires that school officials re-

port to the Board of Motor Vehicles the names of students eligible for a license or a permit, and students who have been suspended or truant.

Freshmen and sophomores are included by a clause stating that anyone at least 13 and less than 15 who was considered habitually truant will not receive a license until the age of 18.

This law has made a lot of extra paper work for school officials and the Motor Vehicle Department, but the State Board of Education felt that students taking their education seriously was important enough to interfere with outside school life, Mr. Halaschak said.

"Trying to make students aware that education is an important part of their lives," was Mr. Jim Conway's reasoning for the new law.

"I think the law will work," said sophomore Rick Dempsey. "I know I'm trying not to get suspended now".

This new law will probably cut down on truancies and make those students that value a license a lot more cautious about skipping a day or getting that extra hour of sleep in.



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Shaaron Pierce  
Jason Pittman  
Chris Ponda  
Joey Posavac  
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Nicole Power

Toays Pride  
John Prieto  
Freeda Puhogios  
Evert Pugh  
Michael Pugh  
Jennifer Pullen  
Jim Pullias

Cory Putman  
Greg Pyle  
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Shawn Rava  
Becky Ray  
Bryan Reasick  
Jason Reber

Dave Reed  
Larry Reibly  
Darren Reiser  
Kevin Remps  
Terri Resoir  
Stas Rhodes  
Gene Richmond

Tina Riegle  
Ty Riley  
Chuck Ristau  
Jeremy Rivas  
Christine Robison  
Lori Rodarte  
Dawa Rodgers



## Freshman life vs middle school life

by JoAnne Scott

Freshmen sometimes look grudgingly back on their eighth grade year, remembering how they felt to be on top of the world. "The biggest change from middle school to high school is in middle school you are used to having seniority, and in high school the upperclassmen have seniority over you," said Darlene Edwards.

"I'd rather be in eighth grade still, because there you are on top of the world, and when you are a freshman it seems you are looked down upon by upperclassmen," said Joseph Posavac.

Changes from middle school to high school are many. The work is harder, more classes are offered, the attendance policy is different and everything is bigger, except for the lockers in the freshman building.

Tara Denk, new to this area, is awed by the enormity of the school. "Everything is bigger compared to my old school in Pennsylvania, which only had 300 students in it. This school has everything," Tara said.

Even though there are problems, freshmen mostly agree that they like high school better than middle school.

"It's (high school) more fun, and there are a lot more people to meet," added Denise Potts.

The best thing in high school to Tara is that there are so many activities open to freshmen.

"I like high school because I'll have more years to play basketball than I did in middle school," said Chris Ponda. Most of the friends freshmen leave behind in middle school now look up to them now that they are in high school.

"My friends look up to me, and I treat them differently because they are smaller," commented John Addison of his middle school friends.

In high school there is a lot more pressure put on students because of advanced classes, extracurricular activities, plans for the future and decisions that have to be made.

"The faculty puts a lot more pressure on you in high school. You don't feel as secure; there are a lot of new experiences," commented Joseph.

Even though there are problems, freshmen and insecurities, not many people would change anything in high school life.



Freshman year included the chance to win a bicycle, provided by Coca-Cola. Tracy Barnard was one of two winners among freshmen with GPAs of 3.0 or better who were honored at a breakfast.



Eli Rodriguez  
 Jason Rodriguez  
 Jose Rodriguez  
 Louis Rodriguez  
 Lusecia Rodriguez  
 Christopher Rogers  
 Jerri Rogym

Jenny Rolan  
 Mike Rollins  
 David Roma  
 Christine Romans  
 Joseph Romero  
 Dennis Ronk  
 Mark Roop

Dan Rosario  
 Pete Rose  
 Theo Roseberry  
 Tom Rospierski  
 Gary Roubideaux  
 Shawnee Rouse  
 Shanna Rowe

Douglas Russ  
 Nicole Salkuskas  
 Laura Samplawski  
 Gene Sanders  
 Wendy Sanders  
 Jeremy Sarver  
 Jason Schad

Dennis Schiller  
 Stephanie Schmidt  
 Michael Schoonover  
 Kevin Schultz  
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 Shawn Smith  
 Stacey Smith  
 Susan Smith

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 Michael Smitckler  
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 Chris Spear  
 Craig Spelce

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Mandy Spurrier  
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Tanya Summerfield  
Jason Sutton  
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Beth Swindle  
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Julie Szabo

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Angela Taylor  
Deanna Taylor  
Joey Taylor  
Carla Teso  
Shawna Tessman  
John Tharp

Tim Thiele  
Michele Thomas  
Bobby Thompson  
Scott Tilford  
Carl Tillman  
James Tisael  
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Ona Torres  
Scott Tracy  
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Michael Utterback  
Kesia Valetich  
Jay Varelis  
Carrie Varner

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Jeremy Verbick  
Dan Viceat  
David Vittoe  
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Andy Ward  
Kelly Warren  
Daniel Waters  
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Deanna Weiler  
Susana Wells





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Thomas Whatmore  
Justin Wheeler  
Sean Whelan  
Kim Whitaker  
Jonathan White

Joe White  
Hesther Whitten  
Chris Wigham  
Brian Wiles  
Lucian Wilkerson  
Robert Will  
Brent Williams

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Joe Willis  
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Daniel P. Zolkowski

## Daydreams cure the summertime blues

by JoAnne Scott

It's a hot, spring day, and a very bored student is lost in a dream about lying on the beach, soaking up the sun. He's shaken out of his daydream by a word spoken loudly by the teacher. He goes back into his world of daydreams as the teacher drones on with the lecture.

The weather during the week of Apr. 23 was unusually hot, and the sun was shining so brightly that whole week, that a lot of students and teachers daydreamed about being at the beach or anywhere but their hot and humid classrooms.

When students daydream in school, they usually just dream of being anywhere but in class. The mall, beach and home, the comfort of their own bed, these are just a few popular places students fantasize about during the

hum drum of school.

"I'd like to be at the beach or at home," commented Daniel P. Zolkowski.

"I'd want to be anywhere but class," said Jamie Fields.

What makes a boring class boring? Opinions varied. Some students said it was homework, the teacher or just the subject itself.

"When a teacher just gives you homework without explaining and expects you not to talk for the whole hour," complained David Waechter, on his reason for daydreaming in class.

"The teacher doesn't seem to understand what they are saying anymore than you do, and they will trail off and talk about stupid things like their dog, cat or other personal things," said Mercedes Greene.

Other things that made classes seem boring

were taking long, excruciating tests, being loaded down with homework, having to be quiet for the whole hour and not having any friends sitting next to you. A lot of students said their most boring class was English because of the long lectures and speeches.

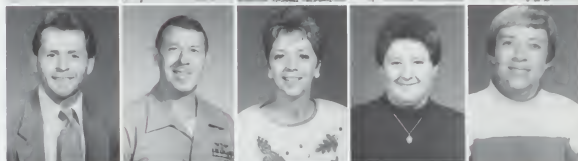
"Study hall is boring because there is not much to do," expressed Dan.

No matter what the causes were for daydreaming in class—tests, lectures, or just utter boredom—daydreaming is a enjoyable diversion. A student can be anywhere he wishes to be when he just can't take the monotony of school and class anymore. Daydreaming is a very good cure for those summer blues, when you want to be at home or at the beach out in the hot sun.

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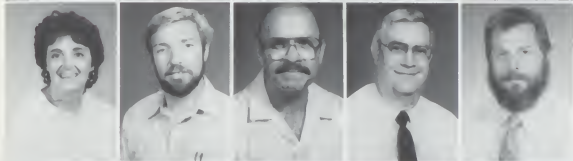


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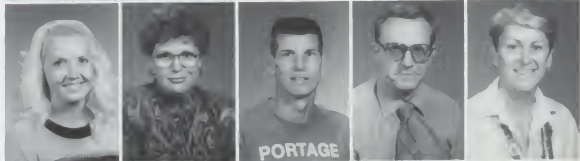
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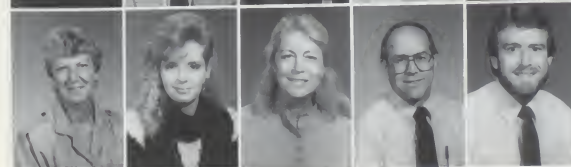
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# Teachers are people, too

by Wendy Cadle

Although many students' images of teachers are teaching new skills, grading tests and quizzes, and standing in front of class giving a long lecture, teachers have lives outside of school.

A day in the life of a teacher is very similar to the life of a student, or any other person. Teachers have families, homes and other social activities to attend before and after school hours.

**Legend** glanced into the lives of a few staff members on Feb. 14.

**5:53 a.m.** Dressed in his Bert and Ernie sheets and an electric blanket, Mr. Jim Goetz, Algebra teacher, rolled over because his wife kicked him for snoring.

**6:20 a.m.** Ms. Arlene Kramer finished blow drying her hair and then proceeded to give it a little curl.

**6:21 a.m.** En route to his 6:35 car pool in LaPorte County, Mr. Bill Schott scurried about the house gathering graded papers and a cup of coffee.

**6:54 a.m.** Ms. Terri DeJesus was speeding down Lute Road, trying to get to work on time.

**9:23 a.m.** Coach Mike Lipinski rolled his chair back to his desk and thought about his plans to take Miss Sue Fitch to dinner Thursday.

**12:16 p.m.** Mr. Forrest L. Rhode attended the Duneland Conference luncheon meeting at the Spa Restaurant, while Mr. Terry Murphy was going downstairs from his classroom on the third floor to lunch.

**12:34 p.m.** Mr. Richard Kirchner was sitting at his desk, talking to his wife to wish her a happy Valentine's Day and figure out how to get their children to the sites they needed to be that night.

**1:46 p.m.** Ms. Judy Krieger was going over the test that her students had just taken over the emotional and social development of children.

**2:16 p.m.** Mrs. Donna Lenburg was in her 10th hour class, grading quizzes so some of the anxious kids could find out how many they missed.

**3:45 p.m.** Mr. Larry Tharp changed into his sweats and a T-shirt and spent the afternoon playing on the living room floor with his son, Eric.

**4:16 p.m.** Mr. John DeCoster was taking a 15-minute nap after putting up with his students for the day.

**5:15 p.m.** Miss Gail Everhart was driving on her way to a Council for Exceptional Children convention in Indianapolis for three days, while listening to Q-95 classic rock on the radio.

**5:51 p.m.** Mr. Tom Milteer normally would be finishing up track practice, but he left school at 5:15 p.m. due to the weather. He was on his way home to enjoy his favorite TV show. Cheers.

**8:39 p.m.** Mrs. Penny Gorgei was sitting at home with her family watching TV and washing clothes.

**9:30 p.m.** Mrs. Carolyn Strilich was sitting on her sofa, eating a pretzel.

Mrs. Kathy Schwingendorf: Reading Specialist.  
Mrs. Kathy Shrader: Mathematics.  
Mrs. Jan Siegel: Educational Diagnostician.  
Mr. Ray Sifrig: Typing.  
Mrs. Brigitte Smeis: Spanish.



Mr. Joseph Sparacino: Mathematics.  
Mrs. Mary Sparacino: Mathematics, Freshman Class Sponsor.  
Miss Shirley Spellman: English.  
Miss Brunetta Stanley: Reading Asst.  
Mrs. Patricia B. Strawbridge: Science.



Mrs. Carolyn Strilich: Secretary.  
Mrs. Madeline Summers: Guidance Counselor.  
Mr. Robert S. Symer: Band.  
Mr. William Timmerman: Band.  
Mr. Charles Tomes: Mathematics.



Five teachers retired at the end of the school year. They were Mr. Eugene Hunsberger, science teacher; Mr. Thomas Jacobson, secondary music coordinator; Mr. Robert Kerns, math teacher; Miss Ann Van Beek, guidance counselor; and Mr. Henry Wegrzyn, history teacher. Mr. Gerald Hundt retired during the summer of 1990.



**Board of School Trustees**—Mrs. Glenda Owens, Mrs. Sally Olsen, Mr. Terry Hufford, Mr. Richard Turnak, Mr. William English. (Sanders photo)



**Mrs. Gail Trobaugh:** PreVocational Education Coordinator.  
**Mr. Martin Troglie:** Vocational Education.  
**Mr. Pete Turpa:** Social Studies.  
**Mrs. Renee Turpa:** PreVocational Education; Basketball Coach.  
**Mr. Henry Wegrzyn:** Social Studies.

**Mr. David White:** JROTC.  
**Mrs. Donna White:** Mathematics.  
**Mrs. Paula Wiese:** Art, Physical Education.  
**Mr. Robert Wilson:** Mathematics.  
**Mr. Yan Wolfman:** Science.

**Mrs. Donna Yaksie:** Science.  
**Mr. Richard York:** Music.  
**Mrs. Dawn Yovanovich:** Media Specialist.

# Clubs recognized for many reasons

by Tracey Westforth

Cooperation and working together for a common goal was a major part of athletics, but it was also a part of the organizations.

SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) members attended a state HADD (Hoosiers Against Driving Drunk) convention in Indianapolis. At the convention center of the Hoosier Dome, students shared their ideas and thoughts about drunk driving during the convention.

We hosted the state student council convention for the second time. More than 1,000 students attended the convention. Local homes hosted delegates from around the state. The theme of the convention was GO MAD (Go Out and Make A Difference).

The Marching Band was invited to participate in the Indianapolis 500 parade for the third year in a row.

There were many outstanding individuals in organizations, one example is Charlene Taylor, a JROTC Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. She is one of six MCJROTC Cadets in the nation who received the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement.

We worked together as groups for many different causes, but the best way about finding out things about the clubs was by LOOKING DEEPER into them.

**Borrowing** sophomore Darren Schmidt's shoulders to boost her up, sophomore Melanie Marsden hangs up hall decorations. The marching band was one of the many organizations that participated in the Homecoming hall decoration contest. (Sanders photo)





Bearing the colors and showing their pride, the JROTC marches in the Popcorn Festival Parade in Valparaiso. The marching band and the Pom Poms also participated in the parade. (Miller photo)

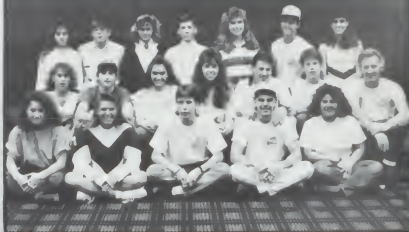


Seniors Mark Roark and Brian Lane lead the state Student Council delegates in motivational songs. The delegates stayed one night in houses around the area. (Miller photo)



“Seeing the way all the different people danced from other areas was interesting.”

Ann Marie Andros, 11



Students

**Student Council Officers**—Front Row: Greta Rondinelli (Soph. Treasurer), Niki Garavalia (Soph. Vice-President), Mark Roark (SC. President), Brian Lane (SC. Vice-President), Myrna Hernandez (SC. Secretary). Row 2: Heather Moore (Soph. Secretary), Mark Broda (Jr. Vice-President), Jeanne Smenyak (Sr. Secretary), Dawn Ford (Sr. Treasurer), Dan Olson (Sr. Vice-President), Jason Reed (Sr. President), Mr. Ron Hancock (Advisor). Back Row: Rosie Jovanovic (Fr. Vice-President), Amy Baker (Fr. President), Nicole Mangene (Fr. Secretary), Tim Fizer (Fr. Treasurer), Michelle Roque (Jr. Secretary), Jason Maxwell (Jr. Treasurer), Sherry Guernsey (Jr. President)



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Doing their impersonation of the Blues Brothers' song "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love", seniors Brian Lane and Mark Roark sing to publicize the National Assn. of Student Councils and Region Five.





**Student Council Reps and Honorary Members—Front Row:** Tanya Shubat, Melanie Peda, Trinity Brindra, Tasha Reese, Julie Rhody, Shellee Unich, Ron Aleman, Caryn Peterson, Becky Ray, JoAnne Hildley, Laura Abure, Mike Moratis. **Row 2:** Gretchen Westerkamp, Dan Vincent, Dennis Kalina, Marge Escabalzeta, Lee Large, Jamie Thompson, Roseanne Adames, Megan Donelli, Carrie Martin, Melissa Lemond, David Jennings, Brian Terwilliger, Chris Ford. **Row 3:** Shen Conrick, Kris

Forst, Marissa Jones, Betsy Blaha, Ronnie Stanley, Kristy Johnston, Milo Johnson, Kelli Mattix, Erich Squire, Kim Bono, Rebecca Hess, Terri Gingerich, Marilyn Evans. **Back Row:** Carrie Gagna, Heather Smith, Jodie Orholt, Dana Carrillo, Amy Stanley, Chance Hodges, Michelle Recio, Christy Wilson, Wesley Minton, Erik Sederberg, Dina Fessler, Kyle Swerdon, Christy Gregorash.

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- After the state convention, Student Council (SC) members and their helpful crew rewarded themselves with an after school party featuring a 20-foot sub sandwich.
- SC members began preparing for the G.O. M.A.D. convention in 1987.
- OperationTurkey, a SC food collection, was successful in supplying 52 families with a Thanksgiving dinner. Over 27,000 items were collected which topped 1988's total by 16,659 items.



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## Going Out and Making A Difference, again

by Kim Crosslin

The whole world seemed to be going mad two weeks before Student Council (SC) prepared to host Indiana's State Student Council Convention for the second time in PHS's history. Members of SC welcomed more than 1,000 students from across the state and invited them to Go Out and Make A Difference (G.O. M.A.D.).

The convention, which took place on Nov. 11-12, took a long time to prepare and a lot of people to make it run smoothly. "Over 1,000 man hours and well over 200 students worked to make the event successful," Mr. Ron Hancock, SC advisor, said.

"We (SC) started working on the convention towards the end of my sophomore year," Mark Roark, senior class president, said.

"The last week before the convention, I was working about four hours a night," said junior class president Sherry Guernsey.

"The G.O. M.A.D. convention

was special because all of the talent came from our school, like the backdrop, the art, music, performances from JROTC, everything," Mark said.

One of the tasks SC members had was to house the visiting students. When the announcement for PHS students to help house the visitors was heard, it looked as though there wouldn't be any place for them to stay, but when Nov. 11 came, "we had to spread the kids out," Mr. Hancock said. "Washington Twp., Chesterton, Valparaiso and Hobart High Schools also helped us out."

Most SC members agreed that the time that was most sentimental to them was the candlelighting ceremony.

"The most memorable (event) was the candlelighting ceremony. There we were just all together like one big happy family," sophomore class president Tammie Cosich said.

"Everyone being together joined as one made (the ceremony) special," Milo Johnson, junior, said.

Members of SC learned new ways of communicating that will help them to G.O.M.A.D.

The candlelighting ceremony was a special time to many of the SC members attending state convention Nov. 11-12. Here, freshman Gretchen Westerkamp and SC members hold candles during the ceremony.

Flying through the receipts for yearbook sales is junior Maria Pallick. Various staff members contributed to each other, especially during the rush to meet deadlines.

## Publications: they're more than just print

by Nikki Silverthorn

The publication staffs weren't just for high school's benefit. The staffs, including **Pow Wow**, **News**

**Bureau**, **Photography** and **Legend**, were acknowledged by other schools, newspapers and communities.

The school newspaper, the **Pow Wow**, which came out every two weeks, was run by 18 PHS students. Co-editors in chief were seniors Doug E. Greider and Nikki Silverthorn.

Junior LeeAnn Ashby, one of the feature editors, said she joined staff because, "at the end of my freshman year, I was interested in design layouts and all other aspects of design."

Stories and pictures which appeared in local newspapers were sent out by the PHS News Bureau staff, which consisted of three reporters and their chief, junior Maria Pallick. Writing features and sending them to local newspapers and radio stations were accomplishments of News Bureau.

Maria said she joined the News Bureau staff because she enjoys communications. Maria's favorite part of being on staff is "learning about the different subjects I write about."

The publications department had an unusually small photography staff with only five photographers. They took care of all photographs that appear in the yearbook, newspaper and the photos that were sent out through News Bureau.

Senior Shawn Sanders, publications photographer's favorite part was "working on my own, being my own boss and having to fulfill my duties without outside pressure."

The last, but definitely not least, was **Legend**. The group of 20 students binded together a year of cherished memories know as the yearbook.

"The reason I joined staff were because I like to be able to write stories and I like people to see what I do," said senior and editor in chief of the **Legend** staff, Carrie Zebley. "It gives me a way to express myself and to meet new people."



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News Bureau--Jenny Pete, Eric S. Miller, Shelley Taylor, Nikki Silverthorn, Maria Pallick.



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**Pow Wow**--Front Row: LeeAnn Ashby, Jo Lynn Rambo, Steve Johnson, Adrienne Patty, Faith Wygle. Row 2: Rick Kinney, Doug E. Greider, Eric Ramos, Nikki Silverthorn, Mike Young. Back Row: Phil Matunisk, Missy Wilson, Eric S. Miller, Melissa Lemond, Jenny Westerkamp.



Enjoying their cake, Shannon Welche and Dan Miley celebrate Heather Lorange's birthday Sept. 9. This is one way the staffs established unity.



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“As co-editor in chief, you get a taste of the pressure, responsibility and pleasure of professional work.”

Doug E. Greider, 12

- The photography staff estimates that for every picture used in the yearbook, at least 24 were taken.

- Pow Wow has won the First Class Rating from the National Scholastic Press Association for the ninth straight time.

- Legend has also been awarded First Class from the National Scholastic Press Assn. for the fourth time.

- Portage High School's News Bureau is the only one in Northwest Indiana.



Legend Staff—Front Row: Tracey Westforth, Carrie Zebley, Shannon Welche, Jenna Mitchell, Liz Shield, Trisha Springer. Row 2: Dan Miley, Jo Anne Scott, Jennifer Moore, Sheri Conrick, Dawn DeRose, Kristi Rea. Row 3: Amy Gruchahski, Kim Crosslin, Caryn Peterson, Deric Carr, Nicole Scarbrough, Cyndi Horn, Heather Lorange.



Photo Staff—Shawn Sanders, Adrienne Patty, Sean Castor, Eric S. Miller, Jenna Mitchell, Tiffany Shuster.

# New experiences: a year full of famous firsts for five fantastic organizations

by Sheri Conrick and Kim Crosslin

This was a year of firsts for the new Math Club and also the new organization S.T.O.P. (Students Taking On Problems).

Math Club was formed to get students together that are interested in math, to get ready for math contests and to get some new experience on computers.

They participated in several competitions such as the Purdue Calumet Contest, Purdue Lafayette State Contest and the Purdue Westville State Competition. They also went to the Holographic Museum where they saw several holographic pictures that are like the 3-D baseball cards that are out now, according to Mr. Joe Sparacino, math club sponsor.

Others had different ideas of what the holograms reminded them of.

Sophomore Amy Bell said, "They reminded me of the little toys that come in a Fruit Loops cereal box."

S.T.O.P. was also a new group that was formed to help students make the right choices in any situation, such as saying no to drugs. One of their projects was traveling to elementary schools to talk to children about drugs. Junior Milo Johnson

said, "The kids loved having older people around. You could tell they looked up to us. Our message to them was that they could have fun without using drugs."

The S.T.O.P. members talked with the children in groups and they played games with them, too.

This unique club also invented an innovative new program called PALS on Apr. 19. The idea of this new program is to help students returning from a substance abuse treatment center. Each student returning is given a new student to be their PAL. The students may help their pal in many ways. They may choose to eat lunch with them, or they can just simply be there for them to talk to.

Saga, the school's literary magazine, did new things with the publication. It was the first year for 5"x7" photographs and artwork.

According to its members, Saga was a very close knit staff.

"It was really great. Everybody worked together and gave each other the support they needed," said Tanya Branshaw, junior.

The group also did some celebrating. They had a few pizza parties, but the best part was "being able to see the profit from the books. We sold about 450-500 copies," Tanya said.

The first annual Thespians' Christmas party took place. Also, for the

first time, tap dancing was included as a major part of the spring musical, *Anything Goes*. Thespian President Jeffery Miller, senior, also thought that there were other differences.

"The crew came together a little bit more. It (the spring musical) came out a lot better," he said.

The Ski Club also had something new this year. According to Mrs. Paula Wiese, this was the first year that the club did not go on any trips.

"We planned three trips, but we didn't go on any of them. We couldn't do a whole lot because the weather stunk. This is the first year that this has happened," she said.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes also had firsts this year. They were the first actual club to sell donuts before school and this was also the first year that they used selling doughnuts as a fundraiser.

"We were proud that we could bring calories to students' bodies," said Mr. Keith Hipskind, one of the sponsors.

This was also the first year that they helped with the recycling project. They hauled glass, paper, cardboard, plastic, used oil and tin cans.

"We were proud to be able to bring pride to our community through recycling," said Mr. Hipskind.



**Students Taking On Problems (S.T.O.P.)**—Front Row: Mrs. Estelle Chaddock, Stacey Hardin, Katie Hannon, Vicki Green, Rade Obradovic, Nikki Peterson, Stacie Gaskin, Mrs. Jan Wilson. Back Row: Heather Smith, Chris Ford, Tim Matuga, Jennifer York, Milo Johnson, Caryn Peterson, Jo Lynn Rambo, Niki Garavala.



**Math Club**—Front Row: Kristi Rea, Amy Bell, Kathy McKenzie, Shannon Carns, Jay Walker. Back Row: Amy Garrison, Christine Kish, Jessica O'Dor, Renee Pence, Mark Norrod, Mike Barker. Back Row: Dave Machin, Chris York, Rich Sasko, Mark Robbins, Ed Fidler, Mr. Joe Sparacino.



Counting large amounts of money are juniors Mike Francesconi and Hal Kilgore. Members of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) sold doughnuts before school in the commons at both East and West. Many organizations used this method for making money.

- S.T.O.P. sponsored a "drug free celebration" on Feb. 2 at the Portage vs. Valparaiso basketball game. Cheerleaders and Poms performed skits, and then everyone interested gathered around the gym floor to sing the theme, "The Greatest Love of All".
- Some members of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) participated in Hoosiers Against Drunk Driving Leadership Conference in Indianapolis this fall. They attended several workshops and learned new ways to promote being sober.



“Everybody in Saga worked together and gave each other the support they needed.”

-Tanya Branshaw, 10



**Fellowship of Christian Athletes—Front Row:** Mr. Keith Hipkind, Wendy Sulich, Michelle Gibson, Dianna Gniadek, Heather Chaykowski, Shellie Untch, Tracy Sandoval. **Row 2:** Ron Aleman, Christy Wilson, Wendy Colburn, Tracy Sulich, Kurt Squire, Michael Zimmerman. **Back Row:** Hal Kilgore, Holly Pierce, Brad Cain, Milo Johnson, Steve Goodreau, Dawn Ford, Kelli Mattix, Kevin Mattix.



**Ski Club—Front Row:** Nicole Sarich, Shannon Theil, Matthew Boger, Brett Homann, Tim Matuga, Marissa Jones. **Back Row:** Brian Reed, Richard Slawinski, Brian Kwiatkowski, Betsy Blaha, Jay Walker.



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**National Foreign Language Honor Society**—Front Row: Maria Pallick, Melissa Lemond, Amy Bell, Jennifer Pete, Debra Kaiser, Sheri Whiteside, Bessie Psihogios, Myrna Hernandez. Row 2: Julie Witka, Heather Smith, Melanie Robbins, Nancy S. Lopez, Christy Wilson, Dawn Ray, Dianna Gniadek, Rae Ann Rockhill. Back Row: Jim Ruinak, Joe Coons, Chance Hodges, Rick Cruz.



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**National Honor Society New Juniors and Seniors**—Front Row: Dawn Ray, Amanda Reid, Angel Coon, Maria Pallick, Bessie Psihogios, Jenny Westerkamp, Nick Smith, Shannon Carns, Susanna Rains. Back Row: Margaret Johnson, Christy Wilson, Rae Ann Rockhill, Michelle Roque, Shelley Taylor, Luke Fischer, Joe Coons, Ben Rodgers, Nathaniel Chaddock, Barbara Thorn, Paul Weltzin, Marc Lloyd.

- For the first time in six years, the Quill and Scroll induction ceremony was held during the journalism banquet on May 15. Eight new members received their recognition, Portage letter and Quill and Scroll pins during the ritual.
- NHS sponsored a computer dating service, in February, for the third year in a row. The fee was \$2 for a list of 15 potentially compatible people.
- At awards night on June 7, new NHS members were inducted.



“I was happy to be inducted into FLHS as a sophomore. It was an extraordinary honor.”

—Amy Bell, 10



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At the Quill and Scroll awards banquet, Carrie Zebley, senior and editor in chief of *Legend*, proudly waits as her mother attaches her corsage. Carrie was honored as one of the only six people who have been a part of journalism for four years.

Co-Presidents of Quill and Scroll, Shannon Welche and Stephen R. Johnson, both seniors, led the Quill and Scroll inductions and were the main speakers at the journalism banquet, both held on May 15 in the north cafeteria.





**Quill and Scroll-Front Row:** Adrienne Patty, Dawn DeRose, Liz Shield, Cyndi Horn, Shannon Welche, Carrie Zebley, Nikki Silverhorn, Sheri Conrick, Jo Lynn Rambo. **Back Row:** Eric S. Miller, Shawn Sanders, Stephen R. Johnson, Tracey Westforth, Heather Lorraine, Nicole Scarbrough, Jenny Westerkamp, Kristi Rea, LeeAnn Ashby.



**National Honor Society-Front Row:** Marge Escabalzeta, Lee Large, Amy Pollock, Sandy Brinkley, Julie Lorraine, Paula Mottinger, Patricia Coker, Chris Siamkowski, Myrna Hernandez. **Back Row:** Charlene Taylor, Christopher Harrison, Dan Olson, Jason Reese, Joe Braycki, Mark Roark, Stephen R. Johnson, Marcy Horvath, Kurt Squire, Carley Burton.



## Members named: FLHS future inductees listed

by Sheri Conrick

An exceptional group of students who are either in their third, fourth, or fifth year of a foreign language, and had to achieve either an A-

or above for the last three semesters in that language to even be considered for induction into this elite group. Are there students here at that meet this requirements?

Apparently so, since 18 new members were inducted into the National Foreign Language Honor Society (FLHS). The members felt that the requirements were tough but fair.

"I think that they are good for this kind of organization," said junior Dawn Ray.

"It's pretty tough, but they are fair," said Debbie Kaiser.

The new members were happily inducted on Apr. 17.

At the induction many speeches were given. Principal Forrest Rhode was the keynote speaker. During his keynote he praised the students for

their high academic achievement, and for excelling in the study of foreign language.

"It was a huge honor, I felt a sense of accomplishment. It's like an award for all the time and effort that I put in," said Dawn.

Also at the ceremony, candles were given out. At the end of the ceremony, the teachers lit their students' while stating the motto of the club, "One who knows the value of two languages carries the value of two people." After the students repeated this saying, their candles were lit and they became official members.

The motto made some inductees think about the size of the world.

"It captures the essence of the (FLHS, and it's a really original concept. It also made me feel that since I know another language (Spanish), I'm closer and more in touch with many other parts of this whole wide world," said sophomore Amy Bell.

The members also were given certificates and medals of recognition by Mr. Rhode.



**Speech Team**—Front Row: Julie Ham, Maria Pollick, Bessie Psibogios, Preston Fagen, Mrs. Linda Hicks, Laura Lynn Thomas, Michelle Gibson, Christine Kish. Row 2: Brenda Miller, Bill Hrdina, Jackie Hufford, Mike Barker, Jawad Javed, Nikki Holman, Megan Donelli. Back Row: Peggy Price, Adrienne Lynch, Steve Goodreau, Jeremy Puente, Amy Garris, Rae Ann Rockhill.



**Boys'/Girls' State and World Affairs**—Front Row: Wendy David, Dawn Ray, Jennifer Stanley, Jenny Wasterkamp, Bessie Psibogios, Nick Smith. Back Row: Jason Maxwell, Ray Thompson, John Prichard, Keith Barnard, Milo Johnson, Lisa Applehagen, Shane McKinney.



“Everyone who stayed on the team . . . felt confident of themselves.”

—Christine Kish, 10

- The hand-picked juniors of Boys'/Girls' State and World Affairs made their annual trips to participate in mock-up situations where the students became legislators for the day.
- Mrs. Linda Hicks, speech team coach, received the Diamond Key Award from the National Forensic League. To receive this award, speech team coaches earn 1,500 points by receiving one-tenth of a point for every one point earned by their team members in competition.



**Pouring pop into the punch** is sophomore Bill Hrdina, member of the speech team.

**Sharing a glass of "champagne"** are a nightclub dancer played by sophomore Rosie Sosa and a swingin' sailor played by senior Brian Terwilliger in the spring musical *Anything Goes* on May 11-13.





**Thespians—Front Row:** Joe Bracki, Donna Tischbein, Jennifer Batrouis, Jeff Miller, John Pritchard, Becky Kobialka, Tim Matuga, Adrienne Patty, Brian Terwilliger, Stephanie Marshall. **Row 2:** Nicole David, David P. Bellar, Elaine Gergely, Paula Mueller, Jawad Javed, Jason O'Dell, Dan Olson, Chad Patsel, Jeanette Greer, Megan Donelli, Ken Shield. **Back Row:** Dawn DeRose, Liz Shield, Beth Fusko, Brian Guerre, Angie Hatfield, Carrie Martin, Kaycee Perkins.



**Saga—Front Row:** Jeannie Peele, Cindy Mote, Lauria Smith, Jamie Price, Jeanette Knapp, Wendy David, Heidi Buonomo. **Row 2:** Valerie Dziubla, Angie Vakovich, Christy Canter, Nicki Peterson, Cija Artis, Don Nelson. **Back Row:** Nikki Hamilton, Anita Rubalcava, yTanya Branshaw, Troy Nugent, Jennifer York, Jason O'Dell, Georgianne Fife. **Not Pictured:** John Armstrong, Chris Belcher.



## Team doesn't need cheers to show spirit

by Sheri Conrick  
"Go, Portage,"  
the team members  
chant.

It sounds like  
typical spirit for the  
athletic program.

But these chants  
are for a different type of team.

These cheers are for a team with  
long practices, goals, meets, a season  
running from September to April,  
and team spirit. It's very similar to a  
sports team.

The difference is that not many  
students realize the amount of time  
and effort put forth by this team.  
Another difference is that there are  
no cheerleaders, but team members  
feel they have enough spirit to over-  
come that.

"Our spirit was really good. We  
support and root each other on. We  
cheered a lot and had parties for the  
sectional members," said sophomore  
Mike Barker.

"Everyone who stayed on the team  
seemed to enjoy themselves and felt  
truly confident of themselves. The  
team spirit itself was very high. It was  
shown by the confidence and all the  
things that we've done together," said  
Christine Kish, sophomore.

The team had both personal and  
team goals. One of the team goals  
was to make it down state.

"Our goals as a team were to do  
well overall, and to generate a better  
response from the freshmen. I feel  
that they were accomplished. We did  
very well as a team. I qualified for the  
State Senate, and we had a number  
qualify for National Forensic League  
solo sectionals, with Jackie Hufford  
receiving a seventh in state. Fresh-  
man turnout was still low," said soph-  
omore Bill Hrdina.

With practices and meets occur-  
ring almost all school year, members  
must always be ready to practice.

"There was practice all year, which  
put a lot of pressure on us to always  
make practice. We had to attend at  
least two a week on a meet week,"  
said Mike.

There was a very small team which  
helped bring the team together as a  
group.

"The overall friendship seems to  
be the best part of being on the speech  
team for me. Our team was not large,  
but we believed in each other. The  
early morning bus rides, card games  
and competition were all good parts,  
but the best part was the friendship  
shared and the help from our coaches  
Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Kurtz," said  
Christine.

Bill said the reason he put so much  
time into the team was because "It's  
fun and I want to be a lawyer, so it's  
great training."

# No comparison, Poms verses Cheerleaders

by Kristine Rea

To some people, Cheerleaders and Poms are essentially the same thing. This observation is true only to a point. While

both groups were created to promote school spirit, they are recognizably different in their methods and effects.

Shannon Smith, junior, said, "Poms are more of a performing group. They work as a group. One person's error can throw a whole routine off. Cheerleading, however, is more individually oriented except when lifters are used, then it's team work."

"Halftime entertainment is mostly what Poms are for. While we still promote school spirit, our main job is to entertain during halftime," said Kim Hurst, senior.

"Cheerleaders provide vocal support during the games. Their main job is to get people involved and excited about supporting the teams. Poms are basically for entertaining the crowds," said Dusti Duffee, sophomore.

The differences between Poms

and Cheerleaders are great, but some people do not think they should be compared because they are too different. Amy Devinney, senior, said she really hates when the Poms and Cheerleaders compare each other. "Both are individuals and each group is equal to the other," she said.

Many of the Poms that perform at the games entertaining the vast amount of fans have had years of dancing experience to back them up. "I took dance lessons for eight years from Natalie's School of Dance," said Dusti. Tap, jazz and ballet were some of the types of dance she has encountered over the years. "Having a past involvement with dance helps me pick up routines quicker and remember them longer," said Dusti.

Amy also was a former dance student. She took lessons for seven years.

Kim Hurst, senior, who had eight years of lessons, said the lessons helped her when the time came for her to learn the new routines and to get the feel for them.

Both Cheerleaders and Poms help promote student involvement and school spirit, but in very different and distinct ways: one by voice and one by dance.



Shooter



"I enjoy dancing, and observing the different expressions people use while they dance."

—Amy DeVinney, 12



Patty

Pom Poms—Front Row: Brenice Summerfield, Jamie Turner, Kim Hurst, Lisa Medlin, Jamie Verboon, Sherry Guernsey. Row 2: Lisa Vogan, Jenny Ozbolt, Dawn Canzano, Jenny Knapp, Heather Moore, Shannon Smith. Row 3: Carrie Gagna, Lori Price, Dianna Gniadek, Amy DeVinney, Dusti Duffee, Mrs. Brighthouse Smetis.



On Oct. 29, the Pom Poms were one of the many schools that participated in the Northwest Indiana Pom Pon competition. The competition was held at Southlake Mall in Merrillville.

Heather Moore, sophomore, participated during the fundraising car wash sponsored by the Pom Poms. The car wash was held at the Meadows Mall in Portage.



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**Pep Club**—Front Row: Angie Foster, Michelle Roque, Shellie Untch, Sherry Guernsey, Mike Thorn. Row 2: Ljubica Djordjevic, Heather Chaykowski, Amy Pollock, Kelli Mattis, JoLynn Rambo, Kelly Nabhan, Kathleen Dujmovich, Heather Smith, Julie Rhody, Niki Garavalia, Julie Witka, Melanie Peda. Row 3: Kim Hurst, Shannon Smith, Amy DeViney, Tammy Modesto, Dianna Gniadek, Jamie Turner, Tasha Reese, Tanya Shubat, Trinity Brindza. Row 4: Gretchen Miestoski, Patience Shultz, Debbie Beddome, Janette Knapp, Lisa Medlin, Lisa Vogan, Jamie Verboon, Carrie Gagna, Jenny Orholt. Back Row: Tammy Lehman, Carrie Chapman, Georgianne Fife, Laurie Price, Heather Moore, Dawn Canzano.

- The Poms won the ranking of Grand Champs at St. Mary's, in South Bend. Competition was held July 28-Aug. 1.
- Nov. 7 and 8 the Poms sponsored a clinic for elementary age girls. Over 100 girls participated in the clinic.
- The Pep Club sold Homecoming mums, at a cost of \$2.75 per mum. Pep Club members sold approximately 600 flowers.
- There were approximately 50 members who participated with Pep Club activities.

# S nob no more: cheerleaders speak out opposing stereotypical views of them

by Kristine Rea

There are eight seconds left on the clock. The score is tied. Indians have the ball deep in opposition territory. There's a

quick pass and the receiver is lost in a crowd of bloodthirsty, 200 lb. killers. He emerges still holding the ball, stumbles out of the mob's clutches, and sprints with all his might to the end zone. Tensions are high, but all he sees is his opportunity for fame and glory. So he dives across the line. BUZZ BUZZ The game ends with a score of 20-14. Indian victory. The 3,000 adoring fans scream and victory celebrations begin, but the first thing that football hero hears, are the chants from the exhilarated, spirited cheerleaders. Skirts fly and seemingly all at once they leap to the air, ready to support their team to the end.

The effects cheerleaders have on the school are varied. "The purpose of cheerleaders at school is to get everyone involved. When people get involved with school activities, they can be proud of what they do," said Celena Origel, freshman.

Heather Chaykowski, senior, said, "I really like giving support, helping all the teams and wishing everyone

good luck."

Julie Witka, sophomore, said cheerleading promotes spirit for all teams. "It gives the teams a feeling that someone cares," she said.

Cheerleaders become members of this group because of parent encouragement to join Pop Warner, friends or interest in becoming more involved with the school.

Celena said, "Being a cheerleader gives me a positive attitude about school. It keeps me involved and informed. When I come to school, automatically I get in a good mood because I think about cheerleading."

"I make new friends and it (cheerleading) makes me keep my GPA up. I like the closeness of the cheerleaders. We are friends not only when we're cheering but in school, too," said Shellie Untch, senior.

Like anything else in life, being a cheerleader has its drawbacks, too. "I don't like how people say cheerleaders are snobs and just want to be popular and go to parties. I'm in it (cheerleading) because I want to go out and help our school. I don't think I'd act any different if I weren't a cheerleader. We don't stand in front of mirrors and stare at ourselves; we don't have the time. I don't think they're being fair," said Julie Rhody, sophomore.

Celena said, "People need to get to know us on the inside before they say bad things about us. 'Don't judge a book by its cover.'" Also, problems occur when, "we sit and argue about routines," said Celena.

Julie Rhody said, "I get irritated because our school should be more active than it is. We're one of the largest schools in the state, and there should be more school spirit (at games). I get so mad when people just sit there in the bleachers.

"Sometimes I just want to hit them and say 'wake up and start cheering or getting involved'," Julie said, jokingly. "That's when I find cheering the hardest, when it doesn't seem like anyone cares but us."

While their boisterous spirit may not show it, cheerleaders have bad days, too. "At a game it may be cold, we may not feel good or maybe we had a fight with our boyfriend so when we face the game we may be depressed, but as soon as our faces turn to the crowd, we have to smile," said Julie Witka.

"We're here for all the teams, not just basketball and football," said Julie Witka.

At the Lake Central home game, Melanie Peda, sophomore, tries to enthrall the crowd and cheer on the losing team. Even with the cheerleaders' effort, the JV Indians lost, 10-0.



Moller



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**Freshman Cheerleaders**—Front Row: Andrea Hoover, Stacie Cook, Jennifer Gilbert, Laura Alkire. Row 2: Joanna Hiltzley, Celena Origel, Holly Hostettler, Heather Hegedus, Gernie Fowble.



**JV Cheerleaders**—Front Row: Julie Witka, Melanie Peda, Tanya Shubat, Tasha Reese. Back Row: Julie Rhody, Niki Garavalia, Heather Smith, Trinity Brindza, Tammy Modesto.



- In June, at the Indiana Cheer Camp held at Depauw University, the varsity and JV cheerleaders won blue ribbons in every preliminary competition and made it to the finals.
- During football season the cheerleaders performed to raise money for the Cancer Benefit Fund.
- Aired in October, on channel 4 (MetroVision), was a TV show featuring the PHS cheerleaders, to show their importance to the teams.



“ I like the excitement and feeling of involvement that cheerleading gives me. ”

-Julie Rhody, 10



Varsity Cheerleaders--Front Row: Kathleen Dujmovich, Amy Pollock Row 2: Heather Chaykowsky, Kelli Matix, Shellie Untch. Back Row: Michelle Roque, Ljubica Djordjevic, Angie Foster, Jo Lynn Rambo, Kelly Nabhan.



Cheerleader, Lifters--Front Row: Jason Phillips, Brian Reed, Bill Wilson Back Row: Marc England, Roger Peek, Mike Vogan.



**Marching Band—Front Row:** Erin O'Neil, Lisa M. Hincley. **Row 2:** Michelle Curtis, Cindy Collins, Barbara Thorn, Stephanie Vincent, Bill Uporsky, Brian Austin, Todd Willis, Geoff Williams, Ryan Jones, Garth Miller, Ken Shield, Elizabeth Gaines, Jason Nohr, Carri Collins, Gisel Villanueva, Rick Hardin, Erin Phillips, Mr. Richard York, Marlyna Tressler, Mr. William Timmerman. **Row 3:** Jennifer Smith, Lori Rodarte, Tarah Jarosak, Misty Curtis, Michelle Cole, Aimee Conrick, Christine Estes, Brenda McKittrick, Lori Uzelac, Gretchen Miestowski, Emily Jordan, Amy Clampitt, Melanie Marden, Cindy Valenti, Laura Siegel, Patience Shultz, Debbie Beddome, Jamie Joseph, Denise Cole, Michelle Montague, Shelly Major, Lisa Dickerson, Tammy Lehman, Joyce Wilson. **Row 4:** Kelly Blazkiewicz, Kasey Curtis, Angie Hatfield, Pam Moise, Kendra Miller, Heidi Wilson, Laurie Hincley, Lesley Kirk, Marilyn Evans, Terri Balash, Tina Riegler, Tanya Beach, Shannon Pierce, Mickie Jenkins, Brenda Likavec, Anna Koughn, Lana Smith, Susan Mivelt, Jose Gutierrez, Jerry Bastian, Nicole Goetschel, Chris Huey, Rachael Glancy, Erica Martinez, Elizabeth Pierce, Tammy Szymanski, Cynthia Burkham. **Row 5:** Tracey Westforth, Jennifer Schafer, Lynn Bujwit, Stacey Graham, Dawn Bingham, Paul Christman, Jennie Bunk, John Adamski, Shane Bolde, Robin Elliott, Louis Bain, Monica Martinez, Dana Cobb, Kelly Curtis, Jodi Auskalnis, Ruben Ortiz, Michael J. Smith, Mike Uporsky, James Piatek, Christina Koughn, Dan Gue, David Leyba, Vicki Tressler, Jeff Menfield, Shawn Whiteside, James Meyer. **Back Row:** Jason Bruzek, Brian Forst, Derek Trinosky, Kris Forst, Christopher Taggart, Tim Stahl, Nathaniel Chaddock, Vincent Davis, John Shaw, Brian Chadwick, Ken Hitchcock, Darren Schmidt, Teresa Achten, Ramon Ayala, Dan Vincent, Teresa Gingerich, John Silva, Ben Bradjki, Matthew Witte, Angela Sherbit, Melissa Bunk, Jim Campbell, David Hill, Bryce Pickering, Kurt Gilmore.



Stephanie Vincent, junior, meticulously plays her cymbals while marching during the Popcorn Parade, held in Valparaiso on Sept. 9.

As the sun beats down on them, Teresa Achten, junior, Dan Vincent, freshman, and Josh Jordan, sophomore, continue with effort to learn their routines. For about two weeks in the summer the Marching Indians practiced every afternoon, no matter what the weather.





“Being in Marching Band has taught me how to cooperate with other people and not be selfish, and how to manage my time.”

—Kris Huey, 10

- New uniforms were purchased for all of the musical organizations. The order came in during February.
- For the third year in a row the Marching Indians were invited to participate in the Indy 500 parade in May. Normally schools are only asked back two years in a row.
- The band placed first at the District Marching Band Contest, on Sept. 30, and received a second place at regionals, on Oct. 14. They were only a few points away from continuing to state.

## Positive attitudes thrive amidst the underdogs

by Kristine Rea

Although they are the underdogs of the school spirit promoters, many of the Marching Indians possess

of recognition they receive.

“We should receive more coverage and recognition,” said Emily Jordan, senior. “We work just as hard, if not harder, than other, more publicized groups, and we deserve more notice for our efforts.”

Jennifer said, “None of the musical organizations are covered enough. Those students who participate in music are cheated out of a lot.”

Even with those disheartening views, the marching band seems to have a generally optimistic outlook about their organization and performances.

Jeff said, “Everyone wants to do their best; so, if there are any people that act up, the whole band gets on their case.”

“I think that all of the Marching Indians want the band to be the best that it can be, especially the juniors and seniors. For us (the juniors and seniors) winning, or at least doing our best at everything we do, is very important because we won’t have many more chances,” said Jennifer.

“We pull together when it counts,” said Garth. “We have some trouble makers, like every group tends to have, but overall we have a pretty positive attitude about what we do.”

great pride for their organization.

Jennifer Schaefer, junior, said, “When our recognition comes, I feel really proud to be a part of the group. Not too many people can do what we (the Marching Indians) do.”

“I enjoy being a part of the Marching Indians. I’m not embarrassed to say I’m involved with them, just as long as the football players don’t beat me up,” joked Garth Miller, sophomore.

Jeff Merifield, senior, said he feels pride at being associated with the marching band. “I enjoy it. We’re a sharp group,” said Jeff.

One major accomplishment for the marching band was to be invited, for the third year in a row, to perform during the Indy 500 parade. Usually, schools are not asked to be a part of this illustrious gathering for more than two consecutive years.

Some of the marchers wonder about how much they are appreciated, and complain about the amount





**Symphonic Band Brass and Percussion**—Front Row: Grisel Villanueva, Stephanie Vincent, David Leyba, Bryce Pickering, Christine Estes, Erin O'Neil, Teresa Achy. Row 2: Danielle Lynch, Michael J. Smith, Brian Chadwick, Jeff Merifield, Danny Robinson, Keith Burnard, Garth Miller. Row 3: Drake Blinco, David Hill, Josh Jordan, Shawn Whiteside, Tim Stahl, Dan Sisco, Nathaniel Chaddock. Back Row: Ryan Jones, Jason Phillips, Ken Shield, Mark Powell, John Alberts, Jordan Hurst, Randy Hicks.



**Symphonic Band Woodwinds**—Front Row: Lisa Dickerson, Tanya Shubat, Tasha Reese, Tracy Fugate, Michelle Suler, Jenny Walker. Row 2: Melanie Marsden, Kelly Curtis, Laura Siegel, Kristi Swan, Michele Miller, Robin Elliott, Lisa M. Hinckley. Row 3: Julie Lorance, Emily Jordan, Melanie Thompson, Michele Ailes, Bill Uporsky, Herminio Santana, Tracey Westforth. Back Row: Cassandra Irene Hill, Dawn Bingham, Ruben Ortiz, Barbara Thorn, Jennifer Schafer, Susan Mirell, Daniel Marcotte, Dave Timmons.

## limbing the ranks: not reserved for athletes

by Kristine Rea

No longer are JV and varsity rankings reserved for high school athletics. Just such a stepping stone method was used in the transition from

Concert Band to Symphonie Band.

"Concert Band is mostly for the younger less experienced players, but there, are some juniors and seniors in there too, while Symphonie Band is for the better musicians," Julie Lorance, senior, said.

Just because youth prevailed in Concert Band didn't mean they aren't good entertainers, though. At the graduation commencement ceremony, the sole performing group was concert band, which played for one half hour both preceding and proceeding the ceremony.

There seemed to be a strong feeling of bonding between many of the participants in these two musical organizations.

"People seem to want to do the best they can. They all care about everyone else and don't try to hurt anyone," said Dawn Bingham, senior.

"I enjoy being involved with band better than orchestra, in a way, because when I played with the orchestra, I only saw those people two or

three weeks out of the year, but band lasted all year, so we got more time to get to know each other," said Julie.

One aspect of concert band that sophomore Darren Schmidt claimed to really enjoy was the many friendships that tend to evolve from such a close knit band.

Julie said, "The people you meet in the bands tend to become your dearest ones because they're the people you spend the most time with in school. Music classes are so much more open, and people are freer to communicate with others. They offer a way to get to know people better."

Besides blossoming friendships, these associations offer other benefits to their participants.

Julie said, "My favorite part of this year in band was our last band performance, on May 18. All bands from seventh on up played in the concert and at the end we all played 'America the Beautiful'. All the seniors were crying because it was our last time to play. It was a really special time."

"I like the variation in the types of music we perform. Songs we play range anywhere from classical to arrangements with more rhythmic beats," said Darren.

Dawn said, "Band offers a break away from the school work and boring routines."





**Concert Band-Front Row:** Kimberly Parker, Jamie Price, LauraLynn Thomas, Angela Sherbit, Vincent Walker, Dan Grue. **Row 2:** Mike Bell, Erin O'Neil, Bonnie Perrine, Jennifer Smith, Jason Altman, Brian Austin. **Row 3:** Chris Howell, Eric Hiemstra, Ramon Ayala, Mike Kendall, Darren Schmidt, Robert Gorski, Michael Sieve. **Back Row:** Jason Nohr, Carri Collins, Mitch McWhirter, Jason Bruzek, Mike Mann, Jim Demmon, Steve Shaw, Vincent Davis.



**Concert Band Woodwinds-Front Row:** Chris Huey, Melanie Peda, Sirrena Lagneau, Heather Rogers, Lesley Kirk, Kristine Schneider. **Row 2:** Dana Carrillo, Joseph Carrasco, Amy Robbins, Marcus Deterline, Jennie Bunk, Laurie Hincley, Jackie Grochowski. **Row 3:** Cindy Valenti, Angie Hatfield, Chad Beatty, Jenny Evansiz, Ryan Sonniag, Kasey Curtis, Shannon Dailey, Bill Uporsky. **Back Row:** Cassandra Irene Hill, Shannon Autry, Joe Ortt, Stacey Graham, Dawn Bingham, Heather Griffith, John Vachavik, John Adamski, Brad Cain.



“Being involved with the Symphonic Band gives me an opportunity to get to know people better.”

—Julie Lorange, 12

- At the Symphonic Band-Christmas concert, the song "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was played while the younger brothers and sisters of the students participating in Symphonic Band attentively listened.
- On June 8, at graduation, the Concert Band was the sole performing group. They performed songs such as "Pomp and Circumstance" and "Parade of Tall Ships".
- An all band performance of "America the Beautiful" was performed at the last band concert on May 18.



On Dec. 20 preceding the Symphonic Band concert, Melanie Thompson, sophomore, and Ryan Jones, junior, attentively listen to last minute instructions before the beginning of the performance.

Mr. Robert Symer talks to three anxious children about the Symphonic Band Christmas concert in which the song "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was played for the younger relatives of the performing students.

# Four years of dreaming left: freshmen band members plan out their future

by Kristine Rea

About the time schedules are being made for the next school year and college applications are being

sent, all talk turns to the future plans of the seniors. Sometimes lost in this hectic day dream time are the freshmen, for often it is forgotten that they have hopes, too.

"I plan on being part of the Marching Band next year again, and I'd like to play my alto sax in the Jazz Band," said Crystal Torres.

"Next year I'm going to be in Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band. I'd like to study music in college and become a music teacher," said Heather Green, freshman.

Mike Uhorsky, freshman, said, "Sometime in the near future I'd like to get together a band with a few of my friends."

Jazz Band is what Kris Forst, freshman, hopes to join next year. "It (Jazz Band) always surrounds the low brass instruments (such as the baritone), which I like."

Stacey Ailes, freshman, said she

didn't really want to expand music into college, but she does want to play in some music organization throughout high school.

Tim Brown said he wanted to go into the more advanced bands during his remaining years at high school. "I want to study music in college and go professional after that."

Freshman Band sometimes is looked down upon as inadequate and unimportant simply because it is a freshman group. Many of the band members complain that they should be noticed for their efforts and supported by the school.

"I don't think Freshman Band gets recognized enough for all the things they do. People typically look at the bigger and more experienced people, but I think it's disappointing," said Heather.

"We are the future. People should pay more attention to what we do. Our group is important too," said Crystal.

"We like to perform, but few of our concerts and contests are ever covered. Our group is too underrated. We should get just as much recognition as the other bands," said Kris.

To some of the musicians, though,

coverage doesn't matter because they're not out for recognition. They just want to play their instruments.

"As long as I can play in the band, it doesn't matter to me how many pictures are taken or stories are written about us," Tim said.

"I couldn't care less about how much coverage we get. I don't like a lot of publicity. All I want to do is play," said Paul Christman, freshman.

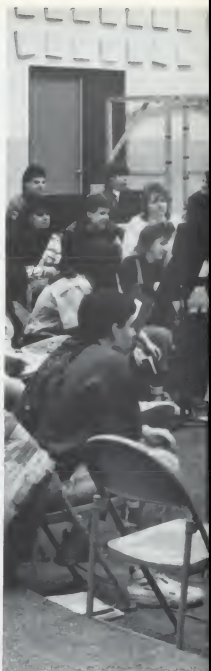
While there are some students that don't enjoy being a part of the band, many find a lot of happiness in it.

"I like Mr. Timmerman. He's very loose with rules, and things are different every day," said Tim.

Paul said he likes going to the contests most. "It (contest) gives us a big challenge and shows us how good we are."

Heather said, "Although it's time consuming, Freshman Band is real fun and a great challenge. The outcome after a good performance makes us feel real good."

Mr. Bill Timmerman, on Mar. 19, the Monday preceding contest, talked to his second hour class about their placement at contest. They received a first place ranking.



**Freshman Band Woodwinds**—Front Row: Marilyn Evans, Tanya Beach, Jayme Bennell, Kathy Carrasco, Kendra Miller, Mickie Jenkins, Jamie Henry, Shannon Pierce, Monica Martinez. Row 2: Crystal Torres, Rachael Glancy, Erica Martinez, Nicole Goetschel, Sandra Davis, Renee dePerio, Dawn Adams, Stacey Johnson, Karl Cochran, Jennifer Krajcir. Row 3: Tammy Lewis, Valerie Stout, Kelli Koleck, Lynn Bujuvit, Jill Pullins, Tammy Szymanski, Theresa Shaw, Karly Melcher, Shannon Dailey, Jerry Bastion. Back Row: Tom Rospierski, Erika Bishop, Cory Putman, Mary Blaha, Jeremy Sarver, Jackie Hazzard, Jessica Shreve, Derek Falki, Mark Roop, Willy Djordjevic



**Freshman Band Brass and Percussion**—Front Row: Jennifer Moore, John Arredondo, Melissa Bunk, Stephen Graveline, Philip Cantu. Row 2: Mr. Bill Timmerman, John Shaw, Chris Spear, Michael Knida, Kris Forst, Francis O'Brien. Back Row: Ryan Ashby, Vicki Treasurer, Joseph Martin, Jason Clement, Shannon Mendoza. Not Pictured: Sean Nelson, Kristie Hill, Jim Meger, Kurt Gilmore.



- In October there was a special concert held for the special band. The Special Band is a conglomeration of band members who were not a part of Marching Band at the beginning of the year.
- On Mar. 16 first hour freshman band placed second at the contest they were in. "Trinity Brigade" was one song performed.
- On Mar. 17, second hour had a contest and received first place. "Normandy Beach" and "Superstition Mountain Overture" were two of the pieces that were performed.



“Being involved with band is a good way to relieve tension. Music is a big part of my life.”

—Tim Brown, 9



**Freshman Band**—Front Row: Ona Torres, Becky Kopec, Cynthia Burkhardt, Lana Smith, Jason Collins, Brandy McKittrick, Jose Gutierrez. Row 2: David Molsinger, Elizabeth Pierce, Brenda Lukavec, Stephanie Schmidt, Tim Brown, Antonio Rivera, Shane Bolde, Michele Thomas. Row 3: Scott McConnell, Stacey Alles, Tricia Dalzell, Shannon Young, Melissa Miller, Terri Revor, Louis Bain. Back Row: Miro Miestowski, Paul Christman, Stephanie Byarlay, Michael Laurin, Dana Cobb, Terri Balash, Heather Green.



**Freshman Band Brass and Percussion**—Front Row: Matthew Witte, Thomas Baldrige, Tina Bozman, Derek Trinosky, Terri Gingerich, Elizabeth Gaines, Ben Brajcki. Row 2: Mr. Bill Timmerman, Kendall Hitchcock, Brian Wilson, John Silva, Mike Uporsky, Dan Vincent, John Prieto. Back Row: Joe Willis, Bryan Beyster, Jim Campbell, James Piatek, Frank Bruker, Brian Forst, Derik Donohue.

"Shopping Mall Senior," was the song Isaac Pagan, senior, performed at the Christmas Concert.



**Jazz Band I**—Front Row: John M. Hall, Emily Jordan, Brian Chadwick, Michael J. Smith, Sean Holland, Jany Walker, Cyndi Horn, Lisa Dickerson. Back Row: Mark Robbins, Jordan Hurst, John Hile, Ken Shield, Dan Sisco, Shawn Whiteside, Ruben Ortiz, Jeff Merifield.



**Jazz Band II**—Front Row: Tanya Shubat, Jennie Bunk, Dan Gue, Mike Uporsky. Row 2: Fil Reinert, Todd Willis, Ken Hitchcock, John Shaw, Jeremy Sarver, Curtis Hamilton. Back Row: David Putman, Mike Steve, Keith Barnard, Garth W. Miller, Ryan D. Jones, John Vaclavik, Drake Blinn.



Melanie Marsden, sophomore, Angel Coon, junior, and Dusti Duffee, sophomore, performed at the Christmas Concert, held in the PHS auditorium. Symphonic Choir, Choralists and Concert Choir also performed at the concert.

## Modernization of styles over rides traditions

by Kristine Rea

Dwelling among the riches found in the PHS musical department, was a group of musicians differing from all others. New styles and skills were free to be explored by the members of the jazz bands.

Dan Gue sophomore said that in orchestra or symphonic band, only written music was played and it seems stuffy, but "when I'm playing jazz I'm free to express myself. We aren't bound to just what's on the sheet. According to how I feel when I'm playing, there are both different effects and sounds," said Dan.

"Jazz music is more lively than other types of music. Also, our group is more relaxed and laid back about things. There aren't any dictatorships by teachers in the Jazz Band," said John Hall, junior.

Jennifer Bunk, sophomore said one advantage that there was to Jazz Band was its small size. "Since there aren't as many people (as some other musical organizations), we are much closer to each other. All of us get more personalized attention from Mr. Symer," said Jennifer.

"Mr. Symer makes everything more fun. Jazz Band isn't as strict as orchestra or symphonic band," said Curtis Hamilton, junior.

"Everything about Jazz Band is more personalized (than other musical groups), I really like the sound that is created by the unique combination of instruments," said Sean Holland, sophomore.

Jazz Band was just one example of some of the special extracurricular activities that were provided at PHS.

"The different paces help make Jazz Band fun to be a part of," said Jeremy Sarver, freshman. "The style is more modern, and there are quicker beats as opposed to symphonic band or orchestra."



Choralists—Mr. Brent Holaway, Kendra Miller, Jerry Adams, Melanie Marsden, Dusti Duffee, Iwlad Javed, Carrie Martin, Bob Tilford, Megan Donelli, Hipolito Mojica III, Angel Coon, Pamela Kirche, Shannon Smith, Isaac Pagan, Shannon Bogucki.



"Jazz Band is more loose and relaxed and the music is more lively."

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—John Hall, 11

- The weekend of Dec. 2 the Jazz Band went to Rockford, Ill. to the Audi Jazz Concert.
- At Valparaiso University and Ball State a special contest held for the jazz bands in Illinois, Michigan and Indiana.
- Jazz Band participated in a contest held, on Dec. 2, at Augustana College in Ill.
- Mar. 1 there was a Choralists performance in the PHS auditorium for fifth grade students.
- Choralists participated in a spring contest on Mar. 3.



**Freshman Chorus—Front Row:** Mr. Brent Holaway, Tammy Duvall, Monica Martinez, Mickie Jenkins, Jenny Parker, Preston Fagen, Joey Posavac, Lana Smith, Becky Kopec, Erica Martinez, Meredith Knapp, Marilyn Evans. **Row 2:** Vanessa Dombey, Kristie Hill, Andrea Hoover, Tamara Smith-Boltze, Tajana Dick, Kelly Silverthorn, Danielle Lowenthal, Kelli Koleck, Jodi Auskalns, Stephanie Schmidt, Leslie DeLeon, Amanda Flynn. **Row 3:** Nicole Power, Pru Knoles, Holly Hostettler, Juliet Bogue, Matt Witte, John Arredondo, Lawrence Siegel, Ben Brackj, John Cready, Tammy Damm, Colleen McKee, Jennifer Krajcir, Kelly Warren, Michelle Casey. **Back Row:** Tara Denk, Melissa Harding, Seann Dailey, Karen Longmore, Jennifer Hostettler, Jackie Hazzard, Tammy Scott, Gary Roubideaux, Mike Pappas, Jeremy Spurrier, James Piatek, Stephanie Burdette, Lisa Akers, Valerie Cirak, Melissa Bunk, Vicki Tressler.



**Girls' Choir—Front Row:** Mr. Brent Holaway, Lisa Roque, Julie Ham, Joella Singleton, Anita Heath, Dany Trull. **Row 2:** Jessica DelPriore, Tammy Parks, Laura Siegel, Jennifer Cavo, Teresa Cunningham, Monica Rice. **Row 3:** Jill Shepard, Jodi Wahman, Crystal Lange, Angie Hatfield, Amy Smith, Kayce Perkins, Dawn Haddon. **Back Row:** Angela Wells, Monica Marentes, Carrie Ellenwood, Heather Irvine, Kristina Wallace, Kasey Curtis, Michelle Clinton, Brenda Miller.

## Choir: more than it seems to be

by Shannon Cable

Most people know that choir singing, but what they don't know is that they perform more

than the average song that one might sing in the shower.

The Freshman Choir sang songs such as "The Fiddle" and "The Lord is Our Refuge" at the ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) contest, where all the choirs did well. The Freshman Choir received firsts in performance and in sight reading, receiving the highest score in its division.

"Ave Maria" and "Hear Thou Our Prayers" were sung by the Girls' Choir at the ISSMA contest Apr. 7. It also received first in performance and sight reading.

The Symphonic Choir got a first in performance and sight reading from singing "Oh Danny Boy" and "Sicut Cervus." It qualified for state.

To be judged for state, the eight highest scores from the 12 areas are

sent down state, and then the 16 highest scores are invited to Super State.

Super State was held Apr. 28 in Indianapolis. The Symphonic Choir was rated 15th in state.

The instructor, Mr. Brent Holaway, was one of the main reasons the choir made it to Super State.

"Mr. Holaway is a very creative person. He allows himself to get into the songs, especially the warm-ups," said Melissa Bunk, freshman.

A typical day in choir included a warm-up, some two-lined hymns and a review of the accomplishments of the previous day. Then they sang their songs until they got them right, making corrections all the way through.

Most members enjoyed choir. Freshman Mike Pappas said, "I like to learn new music."

Mr. Holaway said, "It would be similar to coaching in the fact that you have to motivate the students all year." Mr. Holaway also enjoyed meeting new students and personalities and getting to work with them. He likes to see how he can stimulate them.

A beautiful grand piano is placed for the Girls' Choir as they sing their hearts out at the ISSMA contest on Apr. 7.



Saunders



**Symphonic Choir—Front Row:** Mr. Brent Holaway, Lisa Roque, Jeannie Pezle, Jackie Torrez, Kristie Wright, Shannon Smith, Pamela Kirche, Nicole David, Brenda Beller, Jennifer Luellman. **Row 2:** Maggie Bodrova, Robin Stanley, Angelica Delcon, Lisa Zielinski, Melissa Bernan, Kristina Mallock, Isaac Pagan, Hipolito Mojica III, Steve Estany, Tammy Watkins, Jerry Adams, Keith DuVall. **Row 3:** Jerry Truax, Dan Medley, Nicki Petersen, Debbie Bliss, Shannon Bogucki, Carrie Martin, Megan Donelli, Cari Cotner, Carla Winegar, Michelle Roque, Samantha Essig. **Row 4:** Brenda Miller, Chris Rodriguez, David O'Malley, George Walker, Mike Kalina, Bob Tilford, Mark Reid, Jawad Javad, Sue Ellen Blanton, Jeanne Andros, Susan Mixell, Jennifer Olson.

- The second year choir made Super State, making it one of the 16 best in the state.

- Enrollment was up 17 in Girls' Choir, 11 in Symphonic Choir and 17 in Freshman Choir.

- Mr. Brent Holaway sponsored all vocal music classes for the third year.

- Choraliers received a first division rating at content. One judge gave them a score of 9, with 7 being the lowest score.



“Being in any musical class is a great experience. Being in choir allows you to express certain feelings locally.”

—Melissa Bunk, 9



**The Symphonic Choir** watches for Mr. Holaway's guidance to sing their song. They also received 15th place in state at the ISSMA choir contest.

**Andrea Hoover, freshman,** sings her solo with apparent feeling at the Dec. 7 concert. Seann Dailey also sang a solo at that same concert.



**Concert Orchestra—Front Row:** Amy Gregorash, Jennifer Chapman, Jennifer Swarden, Shelly Pittman. **Row 2:** Cari Ann Cotner, Kathleen Cimbala, Lisa Osterkamp, Joanna Hiltzley. **Back Row:** Steven Manwaring, Craig Garrison, Joy Reber, Anita Rubalcava, Jennifer Herron.



**Concert Orchestra (Violins)—Front Row:** Kim Daniel, Rosemary Jefimenko, Heather Moore, Geoffrey Williams, Jennifer Carrasco, Tanya Summerfield, Carie Varner, Linda-Frick. **Angie Dailey. Row 2:** Tammy Mitchell, Lora Phegley, Angie Vestal, Geoff Jacobs, Mary Kilgore, Amy Simola, Sarah Latham, Vanessa Dombey, Misty Curtis, Angela Norman. **Back Row:** Tina LeRose, Lisa Hanson, Jennifer Corey, John Mathis, Denna Schiller, Ben Lauper, Tina Ayers, Daniel Shoppe, Shannon Cable, Elizabeth Gaines, Karen Cubbison.

- Orchestra students brought home 74 gold medals and 13 silver medals from the Solo and Ensemble contest. Student qualifying for state entries were Barbara Thorn, 11; Heather Hedstrom, 9; Pat Coker, 12; Todd Willis, 11; Mark Robbins, 10; and the Large String Ensemble.

- Performances by Concert and Symphonic Orchestra were made on Mar. 1 for fifth grade Portage elementary students. The performances were intended to recruit new orchestra members.



“ I conduct at the Lincoln Opera House in Chicago, along with some other stuff.

—John Mathis, 12 ”



Miller

Pam Moise, sophomore, and other orchestra members played Bach's "Double Concerto in D Minor", which was a piece practiced by the state qualifying large ensemble. Their state performance was canceled due to poor weather.





**Symphonic Orchestra-Violins-Front Row:** Tiffany Soto, Heather Hedstrom, Tania Tavernier, Heather McHenry. **Row 2:** Shelly Major, Tammy Dughy, Rose Ann Adams, Marsha Raico, Camille Robbins, Ted Haraminac, Barbara Thorn. **Row 3:** Jarret Spence, Erin Phillips, Kurt Shipley, Jeff Juszczak, John Mathis, Charlene Irvine. **Back Row:** Christopher Harrison, Jeanne Andros, Pam Moise, John McLean, Jeffrey Miller, Christopher Bradford, Christopher Harvilla.



**Symphonic Orchestra-Front Row:** Angela Sherbit, Betsy Blaha, Patricia Coker, Susanna Rains, Theresa O'Neill, Christy Haines. **Row 2:** Marcia Dettlerline, Jenna Mitchell, Carla Winegar, Vicki Sims, Bob Findley, Todd Wills, Jennifer Lute. **Row 3:** Teresa Byers, Ann Marie Andros, William Price, Angie McLean, Karen Flach, Jennifer Fasel. **Back Row:** Stephanie Marshall, Anita Rubalcava, Ken Nickos, Kerry Adams, Jason Phillips, Mark Reid, Mark Robbins.



Miller

## Orchestra members use classroom experience

by Kim Crosslin  
From the Valparaiso University Symphony to Chicago's Lincoln Opera House, orchestra students got involved.

Sophomore Pam Moise was a member of the Valparaiso University Symphony. The symphony played four concerts a year and they practiced once a week. "I guess it's hard to get in (the symphony). I'm the only high school student in it," Pam said.

Mark Robbins, sophomore, played the bass in Symphonic Orchestra. He also played bass guitar in a band called The Moondogs and in the local band Ozone. "I wouldn't have had the opportunity to play with the bands (without the experience of orchestra)," he said.

Indiana Northwest Youth Orchestra (INYO) was also a group PHS students used to gain more experience. Sophomore Betsy Blaha said, "It was just harder than high school orchestra. It was more like Chicago Symphony music. It was mostly chamber music."

Senior Susanna Rains, junior Ann Marie Andros and sophomore Vicki Sims play for elementary students, hoping to recruit them for Fegely and Willowcreek orchestra classes.

Senior Chris Havrilla also was in INYO and the Porter County Youth Orchestra. "It was a good experience, but I didn't like waking up so early on Saturday mornings," he said.

Other students like senior John Mathis took their music very seriously. John conducted at Lincoln Opera in Chicago. He also coached the singers, and occasionally he would stand by during performances to give cues. John also produced a full length opera on the subject of Adam and Eve. He hopes this opera will be performed at the Performing Arts Theatre, "and maybe other various places in Chicago."

Orchestra, as a group, had many accomplishments. During Solo and Ensemble contest, the group brought home 74 gold medals and 13 silver medals. Many students qualified for state competition, but they never actually got to compete. "Weather would not permit us to compete. The bus got as far as Remington, and then we had to turn around," Mr. Raymond Grivetti said.

The weather might be the only thing stopping the orchestras from stacking up their accomplishments.

The JROTC Female Color Guard and IDR Platoon were two of the many groups from PHS that performed routines and marched in the Valparaiso Popcorn Parade, held on Sept. 9.

John Eply, sophomore and second year cadet, performs the Order Manual Move with his M-14 demilitarized rifle.



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- The PHS JROTC placed second overall at both the drill meet held at Portage Mar. 10 and at the one Mar. 23 held at Springfield. About 17 schools attended each meets, both of which lasted from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.
- Charlene Taylor, senior, received the Legion of Valor award for the most outstanding cadet.
- The Women's Marine award was earned by Sally Palko, senior.
- During the month of February, the JROTC held a Valentine's Day balloon sale.



“In JROTC as long as you're a good student and can obey instructions, you can't go wrong”

—Roberto Leon, 10



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JROTC Boys' Exhibition Drill Team—Front Row: Ken Altizer, commander. Row 2: Robert L. Rodriguez, Roberto Leon, Jeff Root, Chuck Helmink, David Lapine, Tony Kammerer, Steve Henning. Back Row: Walt Grishka, Chuck A. Cooley, Chris Chelich, Joe Rich, Jeremy Puente, Jason Schad, Ken Heyse, Jeremy Willis.



JROTC IDR Drill Team—Front Row: Charlene Taylor, commander, Chuck Helmink, commander. Row 2: Sally Palko, Robert L. Rodriguez, Ken Heyse, Amanda Akers, David Lapine, Wendy Radin, Tamara Smith-Boltz, Tenna Bradley, Kris Walker, Kristy Boruff, Ken Altizer. Row 3: Roberto Leon, Jeff Root, Casey Lanier, Karen Shay, Chastity McWhirter, Tatjana Dick, Stacey Smith, Leslie Blackwell, Jason Schad, Teresa Gingerich, Tanya Beach. Back Row: Jeremy Puente, Chris Chelich, Walt Grishka, Chuck A. Cooley, Jason Schad, Amy Brissette, Tony Kammerer, Terri Balash, Steve Henning.



## Group grows: JROTC increasing in strength

by Kristine Rea

Mark Scott added.

Every year they grow a little stronger and their numbers increase. Now they've become an influential part in the social structuring of

PHS. The program was meant to offer interested students an opportunity to experience a little bit of the real life discipline. The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) has come a long way since it first began, both in the recognition and support it receives from the school and in the development of its internal structuring.

"When I was a freshman, we (JROTC cadets) were hardly recognized and often were cut down for being a part of it. It's come a long way since then, though. People have learned to accept us for who we are and realize we're just regular people," said Chuck Helmink, senior.

"Before, no one knew about us (JROTC cadets), but now Mr. Rhode recognizes us more and we're on the announcements a lot more. In a few years, maybe we will become a major part of the school, just like the football and basketball teams," junior

Roberto Leon, sophomore, said, "Since Major White has come, we've become more organized. We used to meet as just one class, but now we're broken up into different companies."

"We're treated better than last year, but we still deserve more. We have brought back more trophies than a lot of other organizations, and we do a lot for the school. Our uniforms may not be as pretty as the cheerleaders', but we're important, too," said Kristy Boruff, sophomore.

For the numerous students who have chosen to participate in this program, there are many achievement and performance awards. Also, they learn about real life qualities such as discipline and respect of all personalities.

Kristy said, "I've learned a lot about citizenship, being a good leader, dealing with people and getting along with them regardless of my feelings towards them."

"Being part of JROTC taught me to be a mature, self-disciplined and conscientious person," said Mark.

"Leadership is one of the main qualities I've learned from JROTC," said Chuck.



Girls' Exhibition Drill Team—Front Row: Charlene Taylor, commander, Amanda Akers, Wendy Radic, Tamara Smith-Boltz, Maribel Ortiz, Tenna Bradley, Chrissy Clendaniel, Sally Jo Palko. Back Row: Karen Shay, Tatjana Dick, Leslie Blackwell, Amy Brissette, Tanya Beach, Kristy Boruff, Chastity McWhirter.



JROTC Unit—Front Row: Kenneth Altizer, Charlene Taylor, Sally Palko, Chuck Helmink. Row 2: Major D.M. White, Rob L. Rodriguez, Jeremy Puente, Jennifer Olson, Ken Heyes, Tony Kammerer, Scott Jean, Amanda Akers, David Lapine, Jerrilyn Rogeym, Wendy Radic, Tamara Smith-Boltz, Angie Lilja, Kristen Walker, Patricia Lowenthal, Tenna Bradley, Sergeant Major K.S. Altizer. Row 3: Roberto Leon, Casey Lanier, Karen Shay, Stacey Smith, Michelle Dahlgren, Maribel Ortiz, Meredith Harris, Nikki Brown, Chrissy Clendaniel, Aurora Agostini, Teresa Gingerich, Leslie Blackwell, Tanya Beach. Row 4: Shawn Sanders, Kristy Boruff, Christopher Chelich, Pete Rose, Steve Henning, John Stafford, Chris Cain, Linda Sutton, Chastity McWhirter, Tatjana Dick, Ben Bracki, Audrey Moreland, Bryan Rearick, Joe Cressy. Row 5: Jeff Root, Jeremy Willis, Chuck Cooley, Joe Rich, Walter Grishka, Timothy Bennett, Jason Schad, Amy Brissette, Gary Hicks, Larry Shadley, James Shadley, Greg Pyle, Terri Balash. Back Row: Eric Igen.



“Photo club gave us freedom with our pictures. No one was hanging over us.”

—Dawn Mendoza, 12

- Science Club is growing fast with over 40 members. Many are freshmen that hope to stay with the club throughout their high school careers.
- A new exhibit case was established by the Photo Club in the north hallway leading to West. "Outstanding Photos" have been displayed by Brett Homann, 12; Lisa Vogan, 11; Olaf Grutner, 12; and Tracy Sulich, 12.
- Art Block began a new policy that welcomed everyone to come to meetings and work on any art project.

Posing for a picture are scanner Aaron Rattray and Mike Miley. Photo club/class members wait to the Dunes

State Park on Sept. 1, to take pictures of landscape, wildlife and each other.



Sherry Evans



Mr. Shearer

Photo Club—Front Row: Marissa Jones, Dawn Mendoza, Mr. Richard Shearer, Christy Haines, Toby Perez. Back Row: Brian Forst, Melissa Utterback, Joe Brajcki, Mark Norrod, Mike Miley.



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Science Club—Front Row: Mr. Rich Mason, Anita Rubalcava, Carrie Lilly, Anita Juarez, Josie Gutierrez, Matilda Perez, Betsy Blaha, Chris Teutemacher, Nick Smith, Darrell Waddell. Row 2: Jennifer Gilbert, Gerrie Fowble, Ben Brajcki, John Arredondo, Melissa Bunk, Stephanie Schmidt, Kendra Miller, Tatjana Dick, Tom Manske. Back Row: Joe Brajcki, Erica Smith, Brian Forst, Jackie Hazzard, John Shaw, Jay Gutierrez, Caleb Marcinkovich, John Worline, Chris York, Shannon Woodside.

Making colorful logos, seniors Joe Brajcki and Nicki Peterson put finishing touches on the G.O. M.A.D. symbols used on teachers' survival bags for the Student Council state convention.

# Freedoms: making the choices on your own

by Kim Crosslin  
Freedom. Most students would like to have freedom to make their own choices. Photo Club, Science

Club, Brush and Palette and Art Block gave students a chance to make decisions on their own.

Photo Club also had some projects in the works like a trip to Door County, which is the "Martha's Vineyard of Wisconsin," Mr. Richard Shearer said.

One of Photo Club's biggest projects was teaching inexperienced students developing procedures and the basics of taking good pictures.

"Our (Science Club) club is very democratic. The kids basically make their own decisions; this club really has no limits," Mr. Rich Mason, Science Club sponsor, said. This was Mr. Mason's first year as the science club sponsor, and he had several new ideas for the club.

"We would like to plan a canoeing trip, and a trip to the OMNIMAX Theatre in Chicago."

Art Block planned some different activities that gave students choices.

One was opening up meetings to everyone that had an art project to work on. The project could be a class assignment, or it could be just for fun.

Brush and Palette took a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago, and they also went to the Dunes State Park to do printings of the beach and nature scenes. When it came to projects, Brush and Palette members also had a choice in what they did at meetings and where they went during field trips.

"I just go with the flow of the group. Everybody is in tune with each other. As a group, the members decide what they want in group sessions," Miss Annette Kulmatycki, Brush and Palette sponsor, said.

Just the existence of both Brush and Palette and Art Block gave student a choice. Brush and Palette's meetings were held at the West building and Art Block's were held at East.

"Some freshmen that were in Brush and Palette choose to continue there, and some join Art Block because it's more convenient," Mr. Joseph Koss, Art Block sponsor, said.

Students had the choice to be a member of one or both.



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Brush and Palette—Front Row: Beth Wolfe, Nicki Peterson (President), Carrie Varner, Lori Wolfe (Vice-President). Back Row: Cathy Berquist, Joe Brajcki (Secretary/Treasurer), Ben Brajcki, Miss Annette Kulmatycki (Sponsor), Shannon Rowe. Not Pictured: Shannon Rowe.



Mr. Koss

Art Block—Front Row: Mr. Joseph Koss, Dawn Eidman, Jennifer Lundewall, Donna Tuschtein, Miriam Hall. Back Row—Christopher Lovall, James Neubaum, James Updike, Jason Holland, Melanie Hostetter, Margaret Marentes, Jennifer Hutka, Lisa Nicholson.



**Spanish Club**—Front Row: Blanca Barajas, Susana Perez (Treasurer), Irene Martinez (Secretary), Michelle Mendez, Angelique Cardona, Maggie Bedroja, Jenny Burton, Amy Bell, Jackie Torrez. Row 2: Mrs. Lynn Huerta (Sponsor), Laura Guillen, Kim Bono, Tiffanie Reid, Christine Kish, Ed Fidler, Mark Norrod, Shawn Robinson, Crystal Torres, Vicky Hernandez, Tracy Brown. Back Row: Rick Barajas (Vice-President), Juan Cardona, Louis Ampeliotis, Jason Arriaga, Robert Enoch, Mark Robinson, Dennis Barnes, Mike Morales, Steven Batista, Nancy Lopez (President), Chris Nicholson.



**Chinese Club**—Front Row: Brian Reed, Tammy Carrillo, Beth Finko, Becky Scharpf, Christopher Bayer. Back Row: Carlos Pedraza, Margaret Marentes, Danny Hayes, Mr. David Masti, Melissa Lynn Armstrong, Jennifer Fasel, Joe Brajcki. Not Pictured: Shannon Welch.

## Will French Club remain undisputed?

by Kim Crosslin

Competition in the foreign language department has been building. The different foreign languages (Chinese, French, German, Latin and Spanish) have had several competitions over the years like the Homecoming Hall Decorating Contest and the Foreign Language Christmas Party's tree decorating contest.

For three years the French Club has dominated the tree decorating contest. But Chinese Club won over French in their first year in the contest. The Homecoming Hall Decorating contest was won by French Club for the third year as.

The French Club also created more contests for itself, i.e. the first annual French Boule(Bowl) Tournament. Bowling seemed to be a popular activity with foreign language students. Spanish Club also made a trip to the local alley and they went to the Field Museum before dinner at El Presidente Restaurant on Dec. 9.

"French Club is probably the most active club in Portage High School," junior Shannon Carns said. To give

their members credit for their work, French Club will be the first foreign language club to have a lettering system.

"Active members will receive points for participating like ten points for attending a meeting, five points for selling a box of candy, and so on. If you went to everything for two years you might get it," Shannon said. "The people that letter really deserve it." Members will be able to letter in French Club starting in the 90-91 school year. The constitution will need amendments to accommodate the lettering process. "About five people will be eligible for a letter next year," Shannon said.

Although French club was active as a club, Chinese members were active as a group. "Everybody that was in Chinese class was in the club; we held meetings in class," said mid-term graduate Mellissa Armstrong.

Chinese members went to see an exhibit of Columbus Chinese Imperial Arts called the "Sons of Heaven." They also went to China Town in Chicago to eat lunch and shop in the local stores.

French Club seemed to prevail, but all the clubs have made contributions, and had alot of fun.

Pouring chocolate syrup over her ice cream, senior Melissa Utterback shares an after school treat with Rob Guernsey, senior, at the German Club Ice Cream Social.





Sanders

**Latin Club—Front Row:** Camille Robbins, Kim Shuster, Jennifer May, Lisa Anderson, Carrie Zeck, Mr. William Schott, Beth Wolfe, Nicki Petersen, Michelle Gibson, Dusty Sargent, Greta Rondinelli. **Row 2:** Amanda Reid, Ryan Babjack, Sean Holland, Caleb Marcinkovich, Aaron Akim, Viren Patel, Kayce Perkins, Josh Jordan, Steve Peute. **Row 3:** Christopher Archer, Jeannie David, Jamie Henry, Jayme Osika, Tina Riegle, Daniel Zolkowski, John Adamski, Bob Findley, Jake Newbert. **Back Row:** Amy Gregorash, Elizabeth Cantrell, Melissa Stitts, Mark Reid, Jon Fiebelkorn, Steve Manwaring, Joe Lynn Bigheart, Sarah Latham, Tanisha Lee, Angela Mitchell, Staci Cool.



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**French Club—Front Row:** Vanessa Dombey, Shannon Carns (Secretary), Nikki Holman (President), Carley Burton, Melissa Berman (Vice-President), Teresa Gingerich. **Row 2:** Dan Vincent, Stephanie Schmidt, Kendra Miller, Lynn Nguyen, Betsy Blaha, Sandy Mundell, Carla Winegar. **Back Row:** Elizabeth Gaines, Gertie Fusko, David Jennings, Laura Dunlop, Mr. David Mastly, Amy Archer, Beth Fusko, Jason Mead, Jeff Juszczak.



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**German Club—Front Row:** Kelly Warren, Melissa Lemond, Carrie Martin, Jenny Westerkamp, Martha Ralph (Vice-President). **Back Row:** Tammy Daghy, Beth Crowley, Rick Kinney, Joe Brajck (Secretary), Missy Utterback (President).



“ French Club is probably the most active club in Portage High School. ”

—Shannon Carns, 11

- French Club held their First Annual French Boule (Bowl) Tournament on Sept. 29. Southlake Mall gift certificates were won by the first place team of Scott Milteer, 10, and Matt Imes, 10.
- The Foreign Language Department sold heart-shaped lollipops that said “I love You” in three different languages during the week of Valentine’s Day.
- All students were offered the chance to receive a German pen pal in hopes of increasing the number of students in German classes.

# Teams bask in the thrills of victory

by Tracey Westforth

The sports teams had looks of their own: the look of ecstatic joy as they experienced the thrill of victory or the gut wrenching disappointment that crossed their faces after losing a hard fought battle.

The varsity football team made an impact on high school sports by being nationally recognized for using a flourescent football during a regulation game against LaPorte. This was Coach Robert Mattix's first year as head coach of the varsity team.

The boys' varsity basketball team lost its second game of the Valparaiso sectional to Chesterton, 70-69. Senior Kevin Mattix was the only three-year letterwinner on the team. Kevin also received the scholastic and sportsmanship awards.

The gymnastics team sent two members to state competition, junior Katie Shurman and sophomore Tammy Modesto.

The girls' swimming team finished sixth at sectionals. The team was represented by four swimmers at state, seniors Chris Slamkowski and Laura Blaszkiewicz, junior Peggy Johnson and sophomore Lisa Sutton.

An individual who portrayed a look of excellence was junior Jason Casiano. Jason ended his season with a first place finish in state competition.

With the determination possessed by every sports team, they gave only one warning for all their competitors...BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Sophomore Julie Witka concentrates on her next move she will attempt on the balance beam. Julie's season was cut short because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament.





The Portage offense, led by junior Rick Yudi, gets ready to make its move against the Vikings. The Indians won their Homecoming game, 19-0. (Miller photo)



Senior Jeff Miller stretches in preparation to swim in the Highland meet. Jeff and senior Eric Jetmund represented the school in the state meet which took place in Indianapolis.

Junior Mike Francesconi, sophomore Mike Ritthaler and senior Eric Goetschel take it easy and relax during a game.

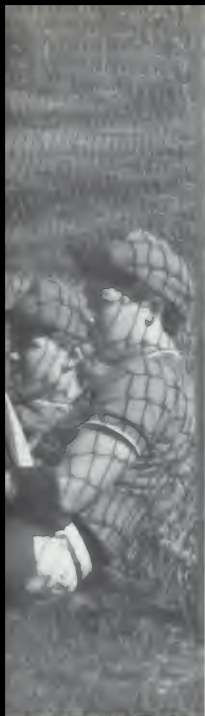


# SCOREBOARD

## Varsity Baseball 13-14-1

PHS	OPP
4	Elkhart Central 6
6	Gary Roosevelt 2
0	Munster 3
2	Kankakee Valley 4
8	Merrillville 5
10	Chesterton 10
6	Hobart 3
10	M.C. Rogers 9
10	Chesterton 12
10	Valparaiso 7
8	Lake Central 6
5	LaPorte 3
0	Hobart 1
5	Horace Mann 2
4	Merrillville 3
4	Chesterton 8
4	Gary Wirt 0
3	M.C. Rogers 4
4	Valparaiso 5
2	S.B. St. Joseph's 6
1	LaPorte 2
3	Highland 2
11	Gary West 3
1	Hammond Morton 11
3	Andean 6
1	Crown Point 4
Sectionals	
2	Hobart 1
10	Chesterton 11

Marc Lloyd, junior, stretches to catch the ball and get the Chesterton Trojan player out.



# Baseball

## Sacrifices and unity assist team

by Dawn DeRose  
and Liz Shield

Baseball is one sport where the players need to sacrifice something to make the team the best it can be. The good moments are remembered by some of the team members, and so are the moments they would all rather forget. A real sense of unity was also gained according to some of the players.

Senior Eric Goetschel, pitcher, said his best part of the season was when Portage defeated Hobart in sectionals. The worst part of the season for him, was losing to LaPorte. Eric also said that he gained the experience of working with a team.

Senior Jim Kilgore, winning pitcher in four games, and junior Marc Lloyd, first baseman, agreed that they had sacrificed much of their time and had put in countless hours of hard work for the team. Like Eric, Jim and Marc both said that the biggest disappointment for them was their loss to LaPorte when the DAC (Duneland Athletic Conference) title was on the line.

A considerable number of players agreed that something had been gained by being in baseball. Junior John Hall said, "This year I learned that it takes a lot of team effort to win a ballgame."

To Jim, he had gained "discipline and team spirit."

Along with discipline, Marc commented that a lot of running had put him in a good physical condition.

To give an idea of how much time was sacrificed, the players said, roughly, how many hours they put in. Marc said Monday through Saturday were occupied. On weekdays he spent from 3 until almost 5:30 every day, and on Saturday, he put in two and a half to three hours. Jim and most other players put in the same amount of time, also. It was up to the players if they preferred to practice out of school, also.

Inner strength and outer strength--both are musts in order to be a part of a strong baseball team.



Senior Marty Robinson unsuccessfully dives for the ball while Dan Hayes, senior runs up to help.



Varsity Baseball--Front Row: David Leyba, Joe Allen, Bruno Winicky, David Hill, Glen Brunker, Mike Ritthaler, John M. Hall. Row 2: Steven Jovanovic, Hal Kilgore, Mike Gapinski, Marty Robinson, Marcum Lloyd, Joe Crawford. Back Row: Coach Thomas Levandoski, William Price, Mike Francesconi, Jim Kilgore, Eric Goetschel, Danny Hayes, Coach Mark Francesconi.

Putting all his effort behind his pitch, sophomore Paul Cruz attempts to throw a strike.



Watching attentively, sophomore Matt Hendershott takes notice of the action on the field. The JV team ended its season with a record of 13-7-1.

Attempting to tag out a passing runner, freshman Jeff Bull lunges at his opponent. The freshman team ended with a record of 4-8.



# Baseball

## A pastime with a different twist

by Jenny Westerkamp

Families going to watch a baseball game was an American pastime. The Chicago White Sox and Cubs were two favorite ball clubs to go watch down at the ballfield. The twist at PHS was families came to watch their sons play. The freshman and JV baseball teams were one of the links in the American tradition of baseball.

The freshman team, coached by Mr. Robert Parker, ended up with a record of 4-8. The team began its season in early April and ended in mid May.

Freshman Scott Drake said the season went okay, but nothing spectacular happened during it. "Most of the teams were difficult," commented the first baseman. "No one was really easy."

Jason Kennedy, freshman, said Merrillville Pierce was the hardest team. "Our baserunning is bad. We didn't know how."

Scott said two of the strengths of the team were that the members had lots of fun together and that the team had good hitting.

Scott commented that the weaknesses were "holes in the field. Our defense needed work because we made key errors."

The team's goals at the beginning of the season were to win the Portage Tourney and have a winning record. Neither of these was achieved.

The JV team had different strengths and weaknesses from the freshman team. Sophomores Chris Krulick and Brian Newlin both cited hitting as a big strength for the team.

The JV team was coached by Mr. Jerry Lasky. It had a record of 13-7-1. The season began with many rainouts because of the bad weather. Many of the games were never made up.

Coach Lasky said the season started off slow. "We were 5-6 at one point. Then we had an

eight-game winning streak, the team was hitting well and the pitchers did a good job," said Coach Lasky.

Chris said the season went pretty well. "The guys were pretty nice, and we had a good team and a lot of fun."

Brian said the worst game of the season was the one against LaPorte at the end of the season. "We had a 12-4 lead and lost 13-12."

The winning of the LaPorte Tourney was a plus for Coach Lasky. PHS hadn't won that particular tourney since 1985. The team participated in many different tourneys over the season.

Both of the JV members said a major weakness was fielding. "Our hitting was awesome, but we just couldn't field," said Brian.

Coach Lasky said, "The experience (of being on the JV team) was good practice for varsity."



**JV Baseball**—Front Row: Jeff Hassen, Ryan Babjak, Paul Cruz, Doug Nelson, Eric Thompson, Steve Tupper, Jason Altman, Chris Howell. **Back Row:** Statistician Dave Saviola, Chris Krulick, Brian Newlin, Matt Hendershott, Brian Connell, Doug Mayne, Dave Kubiak, Coach Jerry Lasky. Not Pictured: Vince Walker, Brian Gorge.

**Freshman Baseball**—Front Row: Jim Large, Freddy Jaime, Joe Romero, Mike Chaykowski, Brent Williams, Jason Kennedy, Brian Chapla, Jeremy Rivas. **Back Row:** Coach Robert Parker, Todd Belsha, Jeff Bull, Scott Drake, George King, Shawn Smith, Mike Snitchler, Jason Soloman, Kevin Mosier, John Wyatt.

In a game against Chesterton, junior Rick Yudt attempts a jump shot while Chesterton team members cover him.

# SCOREBOARD

## Varsity Boys' Basketball 12-8

PHS		OPP
79	Lowell	95
46	Elston	52
49	Calumet	39
58	Kankakee Valley	44
64	Lake Station	30
41	Andean	50
41	Noll	46
61	Munster	57
55	Hammond High	57
55	Morton	34
60	Hobart	41
45	LaPorte	57
50	Highland	44
53	Chesterton	39
43	Valparaiso	15
58	Merrillville	50
93	Clark	33
56	Rogers	60
50	Lake Central	41
56	Crown Point	61

With Coach Keith Hippskind looking on, the varsity team members listen intently to Coach Greg Fisher give instructions during a break.

Going up for a shot is junior Jason Robertson, as a member of the Chesterton Trojans tries to prevent him from making the shot.



# Basketball

## Players work hard but come up short

by Cyndi Horn

*Improvement, hard work, ups and downs and a roller coaster of a season were a few words that some varsity team members used to summarize the season. The team worked hard but came up short of a few expectations of some of the students and even the players.*

Senior Kevin Mattix said, "I was not pleased with the note we ended upon, because I felt that we were capable of beating Chesterton and even winning the sectional. We did well, but I feel we could have done better."

"I wasn't satisfied with the season because we didn't make it to the title game in sectionals. Our team didn't play up to potential, causing us to lose. At times in the season, I wasn't sure if the team was ready to play or not," said sophomore Chris Haskell.

The personal goals of the team members were for the most part met. The players took their goals very seriously and tried their hardest to meet them. Kevin said that he

missed a few and got a few. Conference, sectionals and his own scoring were the goals he said he could have done better with. He accomplished the goals of his leadership, defense work and achievement of a winning season.

Chris said, "I made a personal goal to improve my own skills, helping the team throughout the season and also for the future team to be better. The difficult part for me is the hard work, but it's through hard work that you get better. We practiced six nights a week, including game nights. We put in 12 to 15 hours of hard work in that time."

Kevin admitted that some sacrifices did come with being a part of the team. "We practiced a lot, even on Saturdays for free throw practice. During the season, we also came in the morning to work on free throws. These sometimes interfered with my social life."

The players' plans for next year have already been thought out. Chris said that he will be physically stronger than he has

been. "My shooting and my quickness need improvement for next season. It will take hard work, but I know I can do it."

Kevin also has plans for next year, even though he will be heading out to college. He said, "I hope to compete next year in college, in either basketball or football. Whichever one I play, I know I will do my best. I will continue to work hard and pursue my goals, whatever I decided to make them."

There was no special diet the team members had to follow during the season. Chris said that he ate "fruits and veggies" to keep his body in shape.

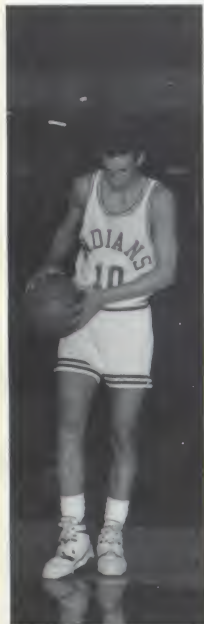
Junior Rick Yudt said that there was no special diet he followed. He just couldn't eat like a pig before a game or practice.

Kevin said he basically ate as well as he could. He described a good diet as consisting of "plenty of baked goods from the Pep Club!"



Boys' Varsity Basketball—Front Row: Kevin Mattix, mgr. Ken Nickos, Coach Keith Hipskind, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Craig Buzea, Nick Smith, Dave Jennings Back Row: Jason Robertson, Doug Beddome, Chris Haskell, John Homan, Eric Powers, Rick Yudt, Glen Brechner, mgr. Joe Lavendusky

Debating whether to pass or dribble, freshman JV player Sean M. Smith played in the game against the Merrillville Pirates. The final score of the game was 33-32.



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Attempting to score on a free throw is sophomore Walter Sandoval. The final JV record was 14-6.

Coach Jay Hodges gives a pep talk to his freshman team members during a time out at the game against Noll. The freshmen finished with a season record of 12-7.



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Looking for an open area, freshman player Jacob Adames attempts to overhead pass to one of his fellow teammates.



# Basketball

## Fan support encourages team to succeed

by Sheri Conrick

Dedicated and appreciated. What do these two words describe?

Portage fans, of course. The support was good, according to the JV players and coach.

"Fan support was super. Our fans supported our JV team better than any team we played, and we appreciate it greatly," said JV Coach Craig Buzza.

"At the home games there were a lot of people there, especially during the second half of the season. At away games, we did not have big crowds, but our parents went to almost every game," said sophomore Walter Sandoval.

Freshman players also said that they had good fan support.

"The fans showed excellent spirit," said freshman Chris Ponda.

Players have different opinions on whether fan support helps their performance.

"It doesn't really help, because I tune them out during the game," said Chris DeVries.

Others disagree with him. "I think it helps because when a lot of people cheer for you to do good, it kinda gets you pumped up to do better," said Walter.

"The cheering and the devotion helped us to play our best," said freshman player Jay Gutierrez.

During the season, team members explained that they began to feel like a family, and many special memories were made.

"The most memorable moment for me was when I scored 17 points in one game, and the funniest thing was when in the first game of the season when I tripped and fell on my face," said Chris Ponda.

"The funniest moment for me was when I guarded my own man, and the coach screamed at me for tunnel vision," said Jay.

"In my last game of the season, I was doing a free throw and instead of doing it right, I threw the ball straight up," said freshman Jeremy Sarver.

"My greatest moment was

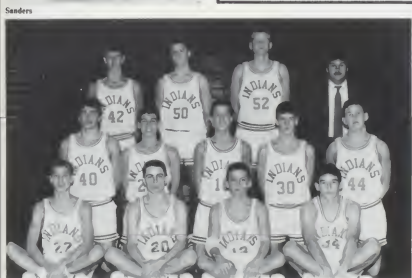
when we beat Valparaiso at home because it was a very close game," said Walter, and fellow teammate Tim Mattix agreed.

The attitude of the team is also a very important factor in a team's performance. This year JV members thought that team spirit was "pretty good", and the freshmen thought their spirit was "excellent".

"Our team spirit was full of great intensity, and we had a lot of fun. We showed it by trying to get every rebound, loose ball, and we tried to dive on every rolling ball. Also, when not playing the games we always wanted to have fun," said Walter.

"The spirit was excellent, and during our games the B team cheered us on," said Chris Ponda.

"It was really good, and we help each other because we care," said Jeremy.



**Boys' JV Basketball—Front Row:** Erik McCorkle, Mike Tosh, Brian Gorgei, Doug Meyne **Row 2:** Luke Fisher, Joe Wozniak, Walter Sandoval, Chad Szabo, Tim Mattix **Back Row:** Jim Pantell, David Joyce, Chris DeVries, Coach Craig Buzza



**Boys' Freshman Basketball—Front Row:** Freddy Jaime, Jason Kennedy, Brian Czaplak, David Muniz, Jim Large, Mike Morantz **Row 2:** Mike Utterback, Scott Tilford, Todd Belsha, Brent Williams, Sean Kuttel, Louis Rodriguez, Mgr. Joey Taylor **Row 3:** Jay Gutierrez, Brian Fenney, Scott Drake, James Kirk, Chris Ponda, Jeremy Sarver, Scorekeeper David Jennings **Back Row:** Coach Robert Mattix, Fred McWilliams, Scott Lindsey, Jim Tinnel, Jacob Adames, Jeff Bull, Coach Jay Hodges

# SCOREBOARD

## Girls' Varsity Basketball 15-3

PHS	OPP
69 Gavitt	33
38 Crown Point	42
70 Chesterton	49
63 Highland	43
58 Merrillville	53
48 E.C. Central	44
42 Kankakee Valley	66
82 Morton	50
54 Hobart	51
50 Valparaiso	61
65 Lake Station	28
55 Rogers	49
66 Lake Central	52
43 LaPorte	40

Portage Tip-Off Tourney 1st  
Twin Lakes Tourney 1st  
Conference 2nd  
Sectionals 2nd

JV Record: 7-11

Reaching for the sky at the game against Valparaiso is freshman basketball player Theresa Shaw. The team lost the game and finished its season with an overall record of 3-9, and a DAC record of 1-5.



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Girls' Freshman Basketball—Front Row: Anita Juarez, Melissa Stitts, Becky Ray, Carrie Lilly, Jennifer Dziubla, Tracie Barnard. Row 2: Nicole Brown, Michelle McKinney, Rosie Jovanovic, Tracy Splitgerber, Amy Mattix, Suzie David. Back Row: Valerie Stout, Brenda Milligan, Theresa Shaw, Tammy Scott, Robin Autrey, Coach Mark Baker.

Senior Wendy Stanley jumps into the air, trying to keep away from the senior Valparaiso guard Kristen Follis. The team lost the game, 50-61. It also had a disappointing loss to Valparaiso by one point in the sectional championship, 52-53.

Going for a lay-up is sophomore player Leanne Shukitis during the game against Crown Point on Nov. 28. The team lost, 42-38.



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# Basketball

## Girls turn doubters into believers

by Eric S. Miller

The varsity girls' basketball team had to overcome one big obstacle before the season started. With the loss of center starter Stacy Sheriff, 1989 graduate, some people doubted whether or not the team would have a good season.

Any doubts were dispelled early in the season.

Seniors Daun Bieda, Tracey Schultz, and Tammy Stambaugh scored in double-digits throughout the season.

One place where the team was overlooked was in the state rankings. The Lady Indians never broke the Top Twenty at any point in the season. Even with the lack of statewide recognition, the team had an outstanding season.

Senior Tracy Sulich said, "I think our season was successful as a whole, although we didn't accomplish all we had wanted to. We all put a lot of hard work and dedication into basketball, and it was well worth it."

Sophomore Tammie Cosich was a little disappointed with

the outcome. "It seemed like no matter how hard we tried, it wasn't good enough. We have great potential. It's just fitting it all together," she said.

"Although we had a phenomenal season," said Tracey, "the question of whether we could have gone downstate and beat Valpo will always be in the back of my mind. Losing to the third ranked team in the state (Valparaiso) in the sectional finals was heart breaking, and we will never know what 'could have been' if we would have won."

Even with the disappointments that happened at various times throughout the season, some memorable moments were recalled by the team.

"The funniest moment of the season was the long, tiring drive to Twin Lakes (for the holiday tournament) on the wrong day," said Daun. "We all felt so stupid walking into the school and watching the basketball team practicing for the next day."

Tammie is considered the

funniest person on the team by Tracy "because she always looked so confused."

Special memories were also created this season.

"I'll never forget Senior Night," said Tracy Sulich. "I'll never forget how much fun I've had with my teammates and Coach Turpa."

Leanne Shukitis, sophomore JV player, considered last season "a memorable season," and she will miss "the high spirits of the graduating seniors."

Team spirit helped the team throughout the season.

Leanne said, "Team spirit was intense during the games. JV pepped up varsity, and varsity pepped up JV."

"Team spirit was always shown, but not dwelled upon," said Tracey. "You can't make someone get excited about something they don't care about. That was never the case in any year that I have played sports at PHS."

"We are like a big family," said Tracey.



Girls' JV Basketball—Front Row: Leanne Shukitis, Sirrena Lagneau, Carrie Kozlowski, Amy Mattix, Jodi Wahman. Row 2: Vicki Sims, Angie Vestal, Melissa Lockwood, Tammie Cosich, Trace Splitgerber. Back Row: Deanne Vallow, Jenna Gatewood, Marisa Krenkel, Holly Pierce, Robin Autry, Coach Sue Fitch.



Girls' Varsity Basketball—Front Row: Wendy Stanley, Tracy Sulich, Tracey Schultz, Tammy Stambaugh, Debra Fessler. Back Row: Daun Bieda, Kasey Reynolds, Tracey Schultz, Beth Brechner, Coach Rene Turpa.

Tying his Nikes to prepare for the upcoming meet in Merrillville is the varsity cross country team member, senior John Hill.

# SCOREBOARD

## Boys' Cross Country 5-2

PHS	OPP
50 Lake Central	15
39 Merrillville	20
15 LaPorte	47
15 Chesterion	50
15 Rogers	50
15 Hobart	50
15 Valparaiso	49
Southport Invnt.	2nd
New Prairie Invnt.	2nd
Rensselaer Central Invnt.	1st
Rebel Invnt.	1st
Manchester Invnt.	2nd
Penn Hokum Kareem	1st
Conference	1st
Sectional	1st
Regional	2nd
Semi-State	1st
State	3rd



In the meet against Merrillville, the cross country team takes off at the start of the big race. The final score ended in a 39-20 defeat over the Pirates.

Pushing his stamina to the extremes in a race against the clock is junior Ray Thompson.

# Cross Country

## Boys run well all the way down state

by Cyndi Horn

*Good times, hard work, pain, frustration, and satisfaction* were only a few of the many words used to describe the cross country experience by the coach and the students involved. The runners were all dedicated to their sport and to winning, however much training and time that it took to be the best in the conference.

The team managed to pull off another winning season with a 5-2 record. The runners agreed that there were numerous personal rewards from running.

Senior Burt Berbesque said, "I have gained lots of satisfaction knowing that I did my best." Coach Bill Wilke said that his personal rewards were "seeing the boys come together as a team."

Fitness was a very important part of competitive running. Fitness was achieved by learning to train consistently.

"The team must train to become tough both mentally and physically," said Coach Bill Wilke. They usually ran 45 to

65 miles per week, depending on the time of the season and the difficulty of the upcoming meets.

Burt said, "I ran every day during the season, except I usually didn't run on Sundays."

Coach Wilke, who has been running since his sophomore year in high school, said, "I ran as much as I could with the team. However, they are better runners than I am, and some adjustments must be made by me to get done what I want them to do. That is when I choose to drive the van!"

The team ran almost all year long, even when school was not in session. The team ran in summer races, and most runners also attended camp. Coach Wilke said, "I like to see young men become dedicated runners who understand consistency makes them better. I also want them to come to love running and fitness so it becomes a part of their lives."

Everyone had his own set of dreams or goals. There were personal goals that may have

been to get better grades than last quarter. The cross country team members set some very high goals for themselves. The team's goals were approached in a serious manner and carried out to the end of the season.

Coach Wilke said, "Our goals were to win the Duneland Athletic Conference (DAC) and qualify for state. We did both." Junior Jason Casiano was the individual champion at the DAC with senior Steve Dixon receiving third place in the race.

The state meet was attended for the 12th straight year by Coach Wilke. The team finished in a strong third place, with Jason as state champion. Coach Wilke also said that he believed, "When you set a goal, keep it in mind, and be sure your lifestyle is in tune with that goal. Then you will not find ways to miss it, but will do what you can to achieve it. The goal can become a priority in your daily actions. Then you are headed in the right direction for success."



**Boys' Cross Country**—Front Row: Burt Berbesque, Tracy Sandoval, Mike Zimmerman, Mike Gutierrez, Steve Dixon, John Hill, Kurt Squire, Marc Timberman. Row 2: John Arredondo, Jason Casiano, Sean Padlo, Eric Wilson, Jason Stepanovich, Vince McCulloch, Ray Thompson, Ron Warren, Dave Lapine. Back Row: Head Coach Bill Wilke, Chris Melvin, David Bell, Chris Chelich, Chris Lynch, Scott Lindsey, Steve Tupper, Larry Baker, Asst. Coach Jim McCabe

Injuries are the one thing all cross country members hoped to avoid. Junior Michelle Gibson suffered from a blister at the Sept. 5 meet against Merrillville. Coach Dan Newton commiserates with her as they check out the extent of the injury.

# SCOREBOARD

## Girls' Cross Country 13-4

PHS		OPP
25	Crown Point	32
15	Merrillville	30
15	LaPorte	46
19	New Prairie	43
15	Chesterton	46
19	Rogers	43
20	Valparaiso	43
21	Highland	39
Rebel Invite		1st
New Prairie Invite		3rd
Highland Invite		1st
Conference		1st
Sectional		1st
Regional		2nd
State		6th



Practicing is an important part of a cross country member's life. Junior Christy Wilson stretches her leg muscles for a meet. The team put in long hours of practice, six days a week, one to two hours a day.

Collecting her thoughts while she stretches her legs for the upcoming meet is sophomore Heather McHenry. Those are two ways that runners prepared for a meet both physically and mentally.

Freshman runner Rachel Mahns accepts the sectional trophy. Rachael was presented with the mental attitude award.



# Cross Country

## T team beats obstacles to reach state

by Sheri Conrick

Long practices, lots of strenuous exercises, long seasons and disagreements with other team members are just some of the obstacles a cross country runner must overcome to be the best.

The first obstacle was getting along.

"We didn't get along as well as we should have because of the giant difference in age, and again maturity caused friction between races. All was forgotten during the race. We tried to get along at meets because it is an important part of performing well," said junior Christy Wilson.

"We all have our difference. We fight and agree just like any family does," said sophomore Wendy Sulich.

Another hurdle to overcome was the long, grueling practices.

"All the practice is worthwhile at the meets and when we do a good job. Also, going to state and winning makes the long practices worth it. In the end it's all worth it," said

Heather McHenry, sophomore.

The major difference in this season was the fact that it was an entire team of underclassmen.

"I think it made us closer because no one was superior," said Wendy.

"Age isn't really important to be able to run. The only disadvantage is in the maturity level and actual experience of the younger members. As far as performance, I believe that they did well and to the best of their ability," said Christy.

An important part of any season was competition at the state finals.

Coach Newton said that the most important part of the state competition "was watching the girls finish the last 400 meters of the race with such intensity."

Even after overcoming the obstacles, some runners were upset about the final outcome.

"The team placing sixth at state was kind of upsetting because I feel we could have done

better. We, as a team, weren't really into the race until the last 200 yards. Our goal was to get into the top five, but at least we competed and did well. The season as a whole went well," said Heather.

"It made us more aware that we need to try harder," said Wendy.

Everybody has a different theory of what made overcoming the obstacles worth the time and effort.

"The most memorable moment for me was watching all the girls place within the top 15 finishers at conference," said Coach Newton.

"The best part is that knowing when I'm down, someone is there to pick me up," said Wendy.

"The best part for me I'd have to say is the feeling that I've accomplished something. It's a feeling that you did the impossible. You lived through the long, excruciating runs on Lake Shore Drive, and knowing that the pain is worthwhile," said Christy.



Girls' Cross Country—Front Row: Angie Mitchell, Michelle Gibson, Heather McHenry, Vicky Brown, Wendy Sulich. Row 2: Suzie Bumbales, Theresa Shaw, Christy Wilson, Marisa Krenkel, Rachel Mahns, Coach Dan Newton



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Intensely looking for a receiving teammate, junior Rick Yudi, quarterback, drops back and prepares to pass. Rick took the position of quarterback after the starter, Jim Kilgore, was injured.

Pacing up and down the sideline, Asst. Coach Craig Buzea gives a personal pep talk to senior Dave Jennings. Dave was a veteran on the football team, having played every year including his freshman.

## SCOREBOARD

### Varsity Football 6-4

PHS	OPP
34 Highland	24
20 LaPorte	24
7 Merrillville	16
10 Lake Central	6
24 M.C. Rogers	6
0 Hobart	23
19 Valparaiso	0
35 Chesterton	7
Sectionals:	
14 LaPorte	7
0 Valparaiso	29

Positioned to snap the ball to the quarterback, is junior George Mamounas. George played the position of center on the team.





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Nenders

# Football

## Unity and teamwork equals success

by Cyndi Horn

A winning season and a spirited crowd! What more could a team ask for? The varsity football team ended a successful season with a 6-3 record, pleasing many skeptics.

The season, according to the players, was a pretty good one. Dave Ellman, junior, said, "The season could have been better, but overall, we had a successful season."

Junior George Mamounas said, "The season went better than I thought it would, even though we had new coaching."

The coach, Mr. Robert Mattix, said, "The team was one you could be proud of because they were hard workers, and they overcame adversity this season."

The team practiced about 9 to 10 hours a week. They had 12 weeks of scheduled practices, and most also put in an additional six weeks of weight

training in the summer. With this many hours taken out of the players' social lives, not to mention their studies, it seemed that it would put a damper on their high school fun and education.

George said, "Whenever I found that I didn't have time for my homework or my social life, I made time. Besides, the coaches watched our academics very strongly. There was no time to slack off on our studies."

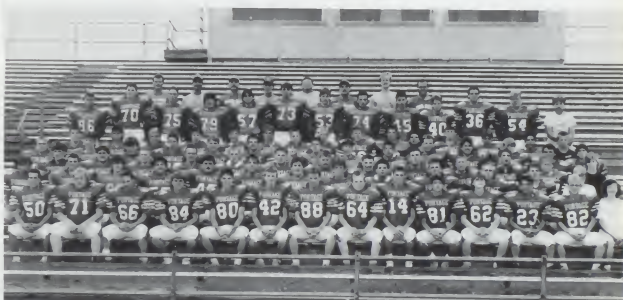
The team had many high points and many memorable games. For Coach Mattix, some of the memorable games of the season were the Highland game and the LaPorte game. At the first game against Highland, passing combinations of Kilgore to Jennings or Yudd helped the team end up on top. Also memorable was the playoff game against LaPorte in which the teamwork

didn't quite pay off. He also said, "There was not as much experience as compared to last year, but the teamwork and the unity between the players was evident in our success."

The highlight of the season for senior Dave Jennings was the game against Chesterton. "I feel I, along with everyone else, played a decent game."

For Dave and George, their most memorable game was the most toughest game: the sectional game against LaPorte in which they felt the team was really psyched up ahead of time for that game.

The team, according to Coach Mattix, did not reach all of its goals. "Our expectations are always high and the team didn't quite make all of them, but they all worked hard to become as successful as the team turned out to be this year."



**Varsity Football—Front Row:** Steve Vespo, George Hutman, Steve Calamari, Jeff McDowell, Dwayne Price, Kevin Guzik, Steve Guzik, Wally Derfield, Jim Kilgore, Dave Jennings, Derek Wilkins, Santana Sosa, Jeff Biggs, Mgr. Kecia Kosky. **Row 2:** Tony Girgenti, Scott Ewing, Andy Scholebo, George Mamounas, Mike Alaniz, Rick Yudd, Mike Francesconi, Mike Hutka, Pete Gudinas, Jim Kobialka, Drake Overturf, Dennis Bailey, Mgr. Jennifer Frencl. **Row 3:** David Ellman, Jamie Cole, Derek Fessler, Hal Kilgore, William Price, Bill Dushno, Troy Mroz, Chris Russell, Shawn Jones, Shannon Goinz, Joe Falatic, Rob Russell, Mgr. Jennifer Mitckess. **Row 4:** Jim Eagan, John Clasen, Bill Wilson, Chris Stanley, Dan Dushno, Aaron Pendleton, Mark Broda, Bernie Recio, Adam Jaworski, Robert R.

Rodriguez, Scott VanBuren, Walter Grishka, David Urchick, Sean Ashby, Jeremy Mathis. **Row 5:** Chuck Hamlin, Ryan Babjak, Mike Rithaler, Jeff Hansen, Doug Meyne, Joe Guerre, Brian Gorgei, Erik Scheier, Tim Mattix, Dave Saviola, Jim Knight, Jason Maxwell, Jim Richards, Jeremy Giovanovic, Morgan Hamlin. **Row 6:** Luis Olivencia, Jeff Medley, John Frederick, Jon Gonzalez, Gabe Soukup, Jordan Hurst, Pete Zajack, Mark Ravalcaba, Ro Guerrero, Mike Mead, Matt Hendershott, Mark Croell, Joe Lavendusky. **Back Row:** Asst. Coaches Dave Mattix, Pete Turpa, Terry Milner, Mark Francesconi, Head Coach Robert Mattix, Asst. Coach Craig Buza, Trainer Dan Merrill, Asst. Coach Larry Tharp.

Sophomore Jeremy Josanovic practices rushing at warm-ups before the Lake Central game. The JV team lost the game, 10-0, and finished its season with a record of 2-4-1.

Sophomore John Clasen gets a word of encouragement from Coach Mark Francesconi at the LaPorte game. This was Coach Francesconi's first year as coach of junior varsity.



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Freshman Jim Pantell, QB, scrambles for extra yardage at the game against Michigan City Elston. The team won, 38-8, and finished its season with a record of 5-2.



# Football

## Hard work starts early in summer

by Sheri Conrick

It's a lovely summer day. You wake up with sun in your face. What a great day to lie around and do nothing!

The phone begins to ring. Who would be calling to disturb you on such a lovely day?

You sleepily get out of your bed to answer it.

"Hello," you mumble, hoping the person gets the hint that they're disturbing you.

"Hey, dude. Did you hear that football practice starts tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow? But it's only August! There is still a month of summer left."

Summer for a football player is cut short by many practices. Required football practices start early in the month of August, and continue through the month of October.

"We had lifting in June and July three times a week from 3 to 5. We ran and lifted during this time. From Aug. 7-23 we had tough all-day practices. From 9 to 11 we practiced then we had a break where we had lunch, rested, swam, and meet-

ings to review and learn new plays. Then at 2:30 to 4:30 we practiced again," Morgan Hamlin, sophomore, said.

"Summer practices are really hard. It kind of interrupts your summer, too, because it takes a lot of time," said sophomore Brian Gorgei.

With practices for about 14 hours a week, what makes it worth the time and effort?

"The best part of it for me is just getting to play. Most of the people on the team are your friends, and that's nice," said freshman Shawn Ford.

"Just playing the game" makes it all worthwhile for sophomore Tim Mattix.

"The best part for me is having pride in representing our school," said sophomore Mike Rittthaler.

"I like to knock the other team around," said sophomore Matt Hendershott.

There were many changes made in the coaching staff of both JV and freshman teams. New to the freshman coaching staff was Mr. Jay Hodges. The JV staff also had changes. Mr.

Larry Tharp, former freshman coach, became head JV coach. Mr. Mark Francesconi was also new to JV.

"I love coaching. I just love to be out in the fresh air. It's fun to work with good kids, and we have a lot of them here," said Coach Hodges.

He added, "I don't mind the time, either, because teaching and coaching are my life, so they are where I spend my time."

"This year we had a lot of new leadership, so everyone had to get used to different coaches. We also have a different style, a new advanced level of football," said Coach Tharp.

Freshmen also had to deal with a whole different team besides learning the new rules of high school football.

"It was a lot harder and a greater responsibility," said freshman Todd Belsha.

"Coaches expect a lot more out of you, and there are a lot more players than last year," said Shawn.



**Freshman Football**—Front Row: Jason O'Neal, Kevin Lewis, Neal Wyle, Chris Jones, Dave Foley, Jason Solomon, Rob Gross, Dave Matthews, Todd Belsha, Mike Smitchler, Ryan Ashby. Row 2: Jeremy Hosse, Jim Pantell, Dano Stano, Brian Smolnick, Mike Mamontas, Jacob Adams, Joe Martin, Sean Smith, Andy Baker, Paul Palichuk, Fred McWilliams, Chris DeLeon, Paul Berry. Row 3: Coach Gil Hamilton, Adam Hedger, Max Hutka, Sean Ford, Josh Persuh, Erik Nance, John Wyatt, George King, Dan Jaworski, Dan Stanley, Rob Will, Michael Laurin, Jim Tinnel, Mike Utterback, Coach Jon Soliday. Back Row: Lucian Wilkerson, Jason Kennedy, Brent Williams, Mike Schoonover, Kevin Mosier, Joe Greary, Louie Rodriguez, Eric Yates, Jason Smith, Dennis Ronk, Jason Goins, Mgr. Todd Swindle, Coach Jay Hodges.



**Junior Varsity Football**—Front Row: Erik Scheier, Doug Meyne, Jim Richards, Morgan Hamlin, Bernie Recio, Mike Hutka, Jim Knight, Ryan Babjak. Row 2: Jeremy Jovanovic, Dennis Bailey, Jeff Hansen, Gabe Soukup, John Frederick, Mark Ruvalcaba, Sean Ashby, Jon Gonzalez, Rob Rodriguez, Jamie Cole. Row 3: Pete Zajack, Derek Fessler, Dee Cook, Matt Hendershott, Mike Rittthaler, Dan Dishno, Dave Savola, Jim Eagen, Joe Guerre. Row 4: Jason Maxwell, Brian Gorgei, Bill Wilson, Adam Jaworski, Jeremy Mathis, Mark Broda, Luis Olivencia, Mike Mead, Robert Russell, Shannon Goins. Back Row: Coach Larry Tharp, Dave Ellman, Dave Urich, Jeff Medley, Jordan Hurst, Jon Falatic, Chris Stanley, John Clasen, Tim Mattix, Coach Mark Francesconi.

Senior Eric Jetmund, who is the first golfer from PHS to shoot the best score at sectionals with a 76, checks his putting line.

# SCOREBOARD

## Girls' Golf 2-10

PHS	OPP
231 Lake Central	210
277 Crown Point	268
229 Rogers	180
207 Chesterton	215
219 Merrillville	295
246 Lowell	244
232 Hobart	209
255 Valparaiso	194
231 Munster	217
225 Elston	197
240 Marquette	199
220 LaPorte	187
LaPorte Invite 12th	
Rogers Invite 10th	
Sectionals 6th	

## Boys' Varsity Golf 12-9

PHS	OPP
168 Munster	154
178 Boone Grove	197
175 Andrean	180
156 Highland	187
176 Rogers/	185
Merrillville	168
164 Chesterton/	181
Valparaiso	163
177 LaPorte/	164
Valparaiso	164
177 Chesterton/	181
Rogers	176
163 LaPorte/	161
Hobart	176
175 Hobart/	172
Merrillville	166
147 Crown Point/	160
Kankakee Valley	200
162 Griffith	187
165 Hanover Central/	196
Lowell	177
LaPorte Invite 12th	
Lake Hills Invite 9th	
Duneland Conference 5th	
Sectionals 2nd	
Regionals 9th	

Senior Vanessa Miller attempts to putt on the second green at Robbinhurst Golf Course during the meet against Elston. The team lost the meet, 197-225.



# Golf

## Golfer's strokes always up to par

by Sheri Conrick and Nicole Scarbrough

"To be on the girls' golf team takes patience, skill, and also having a nice attitude toward people. In other words, when there are only six girls on the golf team, it's nice to be friends with all of them, because we all spend so much time together," said Shelly Ardell, senior.

The team had a rocky season with a record of 3-10, but their spirit was the best in a long time, according to Mr. Dale Fadely, girls' golf coach.

"The spirit was very good. The girls were very enthusiastic, and they never gave up—in even bad weather," Mr. Fadely said.

"I think we were mainly interested in having fun more than in competing. Even when we lost matches, we were not down. We thought about how well we could do at the next match and especially where we would stop to eat," said Vanessa Miller, senior.

The team also had the advantage of being so small.

"Everyone got to play every

match, whereas in a larger team some people will have to sit out. Also, this way they will all letter," Mr. Fadely said.

Amy Simola, junior, agreed, "You get to play more than you normally would on a bigger team."

"It's kind of like a little family. We practically lived at the golf course," Vanessa said.

It also took patience, skill and a good attitude to be on the boys' golf team. The boys' team was considerably larger than the girls' team, with 14 members.

Mike Tosh said that he played golf because "it is a game against yourself and the course you are playing. You do not have to depend on anyone else but yourself. It's a different challenge every time, one you can never conquer."

On the other hand, Mike Duron played golf because he liked it. He also said, "I'm good at it, and the challenge of the game plus the beauty of the surroundings add to the enjoyment."

Mike Duron said, "I want the team to make it out of sec-

tionals. As an individual, I want to make it out of sectionals if our team does not." Mike also stated, "We got along better than last year."

As the girls' golf team mostly concentrated on doing well and having a good attitude, the boys' golf team mostly concentrated on making it out of sectionals, which it did. Tosh commented that he hoped the team would win conference and beat Valparaiso.

On May 24, the boys' team tied its four-year-old course record set in 1986. The tying scores were achieved with a 147 total during a triangular at the Robbinhurst Golf Club on the par 34 front nine. Scott Milteer led Portage with a 1-over-par 35. Mike Duron shot a 36, Eric Jetmund shot a 37 and Mike Tosh shot a 39.

Through work and practice, both the girls' and boys' golf teams strived to reach their goals for the season, and both ended the season on positive notes, regardless of their final record.



Girls' Golf—Front Row: Nicole Scarbrough, Vanessa Koski, Teresa Achten. Back Row: Mr. Dale Fadely, Vanessa Miller, Amy Simola, Shelly Ardell.



Boys' Golf—Front Row: Mike Barker, Ted Haraminae, Mike Tosh, Caleb Zelincek, Mike Duron, Bob Cunningham. Back Row: Mr. Mike Lemond, Eric Jetmund, David Foster, Scott Milteer, Rich Slawinski, Brian Reid, Sean Boyd, Larry Achten.

Assistant coach Mrs. Kelly Bernes lends a helping hand to senior Kim Hurst before the Merrillville meet, which Portage won 106.2 to 104.5.

# SCOREBOARD

## Gymnastics 8-1

PHS		OPP
106.2	Hobart	83.9
105.8	Crown Point	96.6
106.25	Chesterton	106.9
106.95	Valparaiso	104.4
101.6	Lowell	85.8
106.2	Merrillville	104.5
104.35	MC Rogers	84.9
104.1	MC Elston	86.8
104.6	Highland	73.9

JV Record: 9-0



After successfully completing her first pass, freshman Monica Martinez flashes a big smile to the judges.

Posing at the beginning of her floor routine, freshman Merri Noble waits for her music to start.



# Gymnastics

## Dedication: the key to a good season

by Trisha Springer

The gymnastics team completed its season 8-1. The single loss was to Chesterton, 106.9-106.25.

"Losing to Chesterton was one of the biggest upsets," said junior Katie Shurman.

"The loss to Chesterton was tough to handle, but it made us realize that we could lose," added senior Kim Hurst.

This defeat was only one upset. One top gymnast, sophomore Julie Witka, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee. "I thought the biggest upset was when Julie hurt her leg," said freshman Shelli Gibson.

"I really thought that we could win state until Julie hurt her leg," Katie said.

Not all attitudes got negative. Kim commented, "Even though Julie hurt her leg, it wasn't a let down. I still thought we could pull it through." Kim said they got pumped up to prove they could do it.

"I felt like we lost the depth we needed to win the state meet as a team, but I was hope-

ful to make our other goals," said Coach Caren Prow.

Goals to accomplish included winning conference, sectionals and state.

"My goal was for the whole team to make it to state," said Shelli.

"To stay together as a team and not as individuals was a big goal," commented Katie.

Even though winning was a common goal, there was another outlook, too.

"My goals for my senior year were to motivate the team. I wanted to go to state, but it was more important to finish the year on a good note," said Kim.

A goal chart on the wall stated what scores and records girls were going to try to achieve. Not only were goals made, but some were surpassed. At the Hobart meet where Portage won, 106.2 to 79.9, Julie broke two school records. She broke the former floor record of 9.65 and the balance beam record of 9.5, which had been set by Lisa Nevill in 1980. Julie received a 9.75 on the floor and a 9.55 on the beam.

The old team record had been set at the 1989 sectionals when Portage got 106.2. The new one for the season was accomplished against Valparaiso, when the team won, 106.95 to 104.4.

The Valparaiso meet wasn't the most memorable for the team.

"My most memorable time was when we beat Merrillville," said Coach Prow.

"Beating Merrillville was a good memory," said Katie.

The enthusiasm of winning wasn't the only good thing accomplished.

"The season was good. Our teams learned a lot about themselves, both as individuals and as competitors," commented Coach Prow.

"As the season went by, it looked better and better. We peaked early, but I feel we never reached our potential," said Kim. She added, "There were a lot of good times in the gym. The wipeouts were fun to watch, but we were able to pull it all together and show we could do it together—not as a person but as a team."



Gymnastics—Front Row: Monica Martinez, Merri Noble, Tonia Highlands, Shelli Gibson, Dawn Tutko. Row 2: June Spoa, Julie Witka, Katie Shurman, Tammy Modesto, Erin Lambert, Amy Clapp. Back Row: Trisha Springer, Chris Foreman, Cindy Pappas, Kim Hurst, Mgr. Kyle Swerdon, Mgr. Kathleen Dujmovich, Mgr. Angie Clapp.

Trying to steal the ball is a sophomore Billy Dalton, at the game against Hammond High. The varsity team won, 5-0.



# SCOREBOARD

## Varsity Soccer 12-4

PHS		OPP
1	South Bend St. Joe	6
6	E.C. Central	0
5	Wheeler	2
6	Griffith	0
0	Andean	1
5	Munster	0
5	Hammond High	0
9	Lew Wallace	0
4	Chesterton	0
1	Valparaiso	2
9	Merrillville	0
4	Crown Point	0
LPSC Tourney		1st
Northern Indiana Cup		
3	South Bend Adams	0
1	South Bend Riley	2
JV Record 6-1-1		



This was the first year with a JV soccer team. Freshman JV member Tim Fizer dribbles the ball down the field.

Showing how to really use his head is sophomore Brian Murphy.

# Soccer

## Injuries have an effect on season

by Sheri Conrick

A team's worst nightmare is to work hard to get prepared for a season and then be plagued with injuries. The soccer team had that problem. Many players dealt with injuries, such as senior Steve Johnson, who was out for approximately three to four weeks, senior Matt Boger, who was injured at the conference game, sophomore Luis Olivencia and sophomore Walter Sandoval.

"Injuries are very unfortunate, but fortunately we found people to replace them and do a good job," said senior Mark Roark.

"The bunch of guys who were hurt actually helped bring the team together. It helped as much as it hurt. A memorable injury was when Walter got hurt, because we knew we would have to fill in spots to make the team work," said senior Brian Kwiatkowski.

"It hurt the team to have Steve and Walter taken out for injuries, because they were two important players that had to be taken out," said freshman Erich Squire.

"It hurt the team to have Walter and Matt out because they were both injured at bad times," said Luis.

Even injury prone, and with Mother Nature against them, such as at the game against Valparaiso when the wind blew into their faces for the last two quarters, the team still managed to have a successful season.

"Our season started out poorly, but it's gotten much better. Our chemistry came after we won the Northern Conference," said Mark.

"It started out low, but it got better especially since we went to South Bend to try to win the cup for the fourth straight year," said Brian.

A major difference was the addition of a JV team. This affected the team in many ways, but most impacts will be more visible in future years.

"I think it will have a good effect in future years," said Luis.

"I don't really think it affected the season this year, but I think it will help in the future," said Brian.

The team had many important goals, one of which was to win the Northern Cup for the fourth consecutive year. This seemed to be the most important team goal to the players, but all had individual goals.

"My individual goal was to improve my skills, so that I'm able to play varsity next year. I feel that I have accomplished it, improving not only as a soccer player, but in other ways, too," said Erich.

"My individual goals were to become a starter, and to feel like part of the team," said Luis.

The team also had to acquire the proper attitude to reach these important goals.

"We had to have no negative views. We had to be totally positive. We also had a realistic view of what we could do," said Erich.



**Varsity Soccer**—Front Row: Luis Olivencia, Rich Miotke, Joe Guerre, Stephen Johnson, Matt Boger, A. J. Monroe, Dan Uzelac, Mike Hutka. Back Row: Walter Sandoval, Mike Pokorney, Donovan Degastano, Mike Batusic, Jason Lay, Ray Adams, Dan Sutton, Mark Roark, Brian Kwiatkowski.



**JV Soccer**—Front Row: David Yoder, Jon Boyle, Tim Fizer, Steve Batusic, John Rhamer, Erich Squire, Dan Cardenas, Jose Olivencia. Back Row: Coach Bob Laramie, Brian Murphy, Billy Dalton, Chad Kestner, Mike Malacki, Chris Spear, Scott Yuko, Tony Cardenas.

**Pulling back** for a sharp throw to first is freshman Debbi Gapinski. The JV ended its season with a winning 12-4 record.

# SCOREBOARD

Softball  
17-2

PHS	OPP
13 Lowell	0
13 Andean	7
15 Morton	4
6 Hobart	3
11 Merrillville	0
4 Gavit	1
4 Chesterton	2
19 Rogers	3
5 Elston	2
13 Valparaiso	3
9 LaPorte	5
4 Hobart	1
20 Marquette	1
2 Merrillville	1
3 Chesterton	0
12 Rogers	0
0 Valparaiso	3
2 Crown Point	3
11 LaPorte	0
Sectionals:	
7 Chesterton	0
1 Merrillville	4
JV Record 12-4	

**Reaching out** to stop a speeding ground ball is freshman Melissa Bunk, who played her first year on the junior varsity team.





# Softball

## Team puts out great effort on field

by Cyndi Horn

Parents, fans, coaches, and, of course, the players make up a team. The players need the knowledge from the coaches, and support from all of the fans and parents. The skill, the willingness and the drive to always work hard toward becoming winners can come only from the players.

According to some of the players, their parents play an important role in their softball experience. "I think that it is very important for our parents to be involved. My parents have been coming to my games ever since I was little. It really helps to be able to look into the stands and see our families there supporting us. It makes you feel real good. Whoever is watching doesn't affect how I play. Our minds are on the game, not who is in the

stands," said sophomore Karen Creech.

"My mom comes to most of my games. She does not really make me nervous. However, I do sometimes get nervous when a boyfriend or even if a friend watches," said freshman Beth Cantrell.

One of the qualities in a winning team is getting along with teammates on the field. "Even if a couple of us are fighting, as soon as we hit the field everything else is out of our heads, and we are concentrating on softball. In the back of our heads all of us know if there is something we all want bad enough, we can have it. This is something Coach Mattix taught us right from the beginning," said Karen.

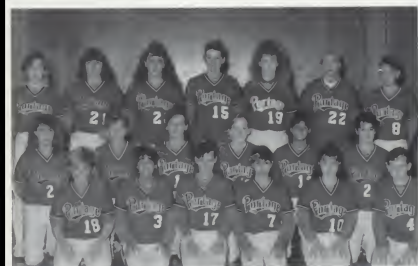
Some of the players have been playing the sport of softball ever since they were small.

Playing different positions sometimes allows one person to play two different positions at one time or another. Karen said, "I am a catcher, but I can also pitch."

"I am a catcher but I have played every position on the field except right," said Beth.

They know what it takes to be a part of a team. They work hard together to put the game down in the record books as a winner. Beth, who has played for nine years, said, "I think high school softball is more competitive than Junior Miss softball. Also, some of the teams you play against are tougher."

Karen has been playing softball for 10 years. She expressed that softball is something that she enjoys very much. She also said, "I enjoy being part of the team."



**Varsity Softball—Front Row:** Lisa Lilly, Aimee Stanley, Chris Slankowski, Charlene Taylor, Jodi Wahlman, Debbie Kaiser. **Row 2:** Kim Shuster, Glenda Cox, Paula McWhirter, Antoinette Cox, Wendy Stanley, Karen Creech. **Back Row:** Ramee King, Holly Keller, Chandra Dixon, Kassy Reynolds, Kirsten Sederberg, Daun Bieda, Missy Kelley.



**JV Softball—Front Row:** Debbi Gapinski, Tammy Modesto, Melissa Stitts, Shannon McAllister, Carrie Lilly. **Row 2:** Beth Cantrell, Deanna Taylor, Sherry Yagor, Michelle McKinney, Tracy Barnard, Melissa Bunk. **Back Row:** Jennifer Smith, Jenna Gatewood, Kim Bradford, Carrie Kovats, Coach Terry Milner.

Racing against the time clock is sophomore Jay Bagley. The final score of this victorious meet against Crown Point was 86.5 to 85.5.

# SCOREBOARD

## Boys' Swim 8-5

PHS	OPP
106 Wirt	64
80 LaPorte	92
89 Merrillville	87
106 Hobart	63
69 Munster	103
70 Highland	102
99 Rogers	72
49 Chesterton	122
97 Gavit	76
110 Lowell	58
78 Valparaiso	93
100 Rensselaer Central	72
86.5 Crown Point	85.5
Munster Relays	4th
Conference	4th
JV Conference	1st
Sectionals	4th

## Girls' Swim 10-3

PHS	OPP
119 Rogers	52
99 Hobart	72
84 Crown Point	88
61 Chesterton	111
123 Lowell	46
90 Highland	82
138 Gavit	27
113 Noll	57
64 Valparaiso	106
140 Hammond	28
119 Merrillville	55
110 LaPorte	77
110 Rensselaer	62
Valparaiso Invite	2nd
Munster Relays	1st
Conference	3rd
Sectionals	7th
State	32nd

Perfecting her four-step approach, during warm ups, is sophomore Christy Haines. Despite tremendous efforts, Crown Point came out on top with a score of 88 to 84.

Performing a reverse straight dive is senior Eric Jetmund. Eric received a first place in this diving competition against Crown Point.



# Swimming

## Student team sacrifice for success

by Cyndi Horn

It's Monday morning and in cozy warm beds lie sleeping students who know their own destinies for that morning. The alarm clock sounds. It's only 5 o'clock Central time, yet these brave students decide to crawl out of hibernation. These students are the ones who were part of the swimming and diving teams. This was one of the sacrifices that they had to make every morning all season long.

There were many sacrifices the swimmers had to endure. They included waking up early, going through hard work at practice and enduring interference with the social lives. Senior Patricia Coker said, "I wake up at the crack of dawn, then begin practice at 5:30 a.m. We practice about four hours a day during the season and do weight training all year long. I also have trouble finding the time to go out with my friends."

Sophomore Heather Lorange said, "On the weekends I'm usually too tired to go out. During the week practice

makes me too tired to do anything afterwards."

Junior Peggy Johnson said, "I never eat any junk food any time of the year. I try to eat a lot of carbohydrates that are in pastas, breads and bananas."

The swimmers and divers all seemed to agree that there were advantages and the hard work was worth it. Senior Eric Jetmund, diver, said that he had gained "a good attitude and good physical health through all the practices and weight training work that we do. I participated in the one meter dive and when I swam, I swam the 400 meter relay. All of the hard work paid off because I have definitely improved in my diving."

Sophomore Brad Cain said, "I gained self motivation, dedication and leadership roles. The sacrifices were well worth it."

Patricia said, "I know that I have gained discipline from being a swimmer. I think it would be that way in any sport. My regular events were the 200 medley relay, the 100 yd. fly and the 100 yd. backstroke. I

worked very hard this year, and all of the hard work in each of the events definitely paid off."

There were many tough meets that the teams had to compete in. Peggy said her toughest meet was "the one against Valparaiso. They have some very talented freshmen and seniors."

Eric said that the hardest team he had to compete against was Munster.

Brad said his toughest meet as a diver was "the meet against Valpo because they are our rivals and we always try our hardest to beat them."

Some of the swimmers and divers had goals they tried to achieve. Some were to just do the best that they possibly could, but Brad said, "I tried to beat my brother's times when he was a sophomore, and in most of my events, the 100 fly, 100 free and the 400 free relay, I did."



**Boys' Swim—Front Row:** Joey Posavac, Eric Jetmund, Sean Whelan, Matt Ellman, Joe Ortt, Jeff Goodwin, Darrell Fasel. **Row 2:** Hipolito Mojica III, Jim Wachter, Jay Bagley, David Shaffer, John Zack, Shawn Johnson, Gus Cruz, Mike Wilder, Tony DiCesare, Erik Stoddard. **Back Row:** Thomas Little, Jim Ruskak, Les Doepfing, Juan Cardona, Philip Grenchik, Jeffery Miller, Rick Fee, Brad Cain, Eric Lucas, Garth Miller.



**Girls' Swim—Front Row:** Heather Hagan, Chris Slawkowski, Tammy Kirgan, Dusti Duffee, Julie Erdei, Patricia Coker, Melanie Peda. **Row 2:** Jeannie St. Myers, Melissa Hitzley, Lisa Sutton, Heather Lorange, Laura Blaszkiewicz, Christy Humes, Toby Perez, Tiffany Shuster. **Back Row:** Swimmer Coach Mike Lipinski, Michelle McConnell, Melanie Thompson, Stacy Manering, Pam Pauwels, Heather Smith, Angie McLean, Peggy Johnson, Jessica Rogers, Diving Coach Scott Valpatic.

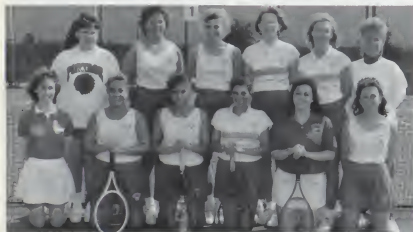
# SCOREBOARD

## Boys' Tennis 12-2

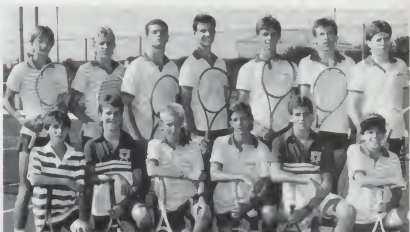
PHS	OPP
5 Elston	0
5 Highland	0
2 Jefferson	3
4 West Lafayette	1
4 Crown Point	1
0 LaPorte	5
5 EC Central	0
4 Rogers	1
3 Chesterton	2
3 Valparaiso	2
5 Bishop Noll	0
5 Merrillville	0
5 Hobart	0
5 South Bend St. Joe	0
JV Record: 13-0-1	

## Girls' Tennis 11-3

PHS	OPP
5 Crown Point	0
4 Highland	0
5 Andean	0
3 South Bend St. Joe	2
1 Munster	4
5 Boone Grove	0
5 Morton	0
5 E.C. Central	0
0 Valparaiso	5
5 Rogers	0
5 Chesterton	1
5 Hobart	0
4 Merrillville	1
1 LaPorte	4
Portage Invitational	1st
Sectionals	2nd



Girls' JV Tennis—Front Row: Lisa Anderson, Amy Stanley, Kelly Jannasch, Sarah Latham, Rachel Glancy, Kristine Rea. Back Row: Sheri Connick, Annessa Cichowicz, Michelle Fallon, Erica Smith, Debbie Magura, Coach Nellie Greer.



Boys' JV Tennis—Front Row: Preston Fagen, Erich Squire, Aaron Akins, Richard Miotke, James Kirk, Matthew Imes. Back Row: David Foster, Ed Miller, Doug Kovell, Robert Enochs, Scott Milteer, Derek Herrold, Curt Hamilton.

Senior Wendy Colburn prepares to receive the ball. Wendy and Adrienne Samardzija played varsity doubles, and finished their regular season with a record of 12-2.

Attempting to serve the ball, during the match at the sectional competition, is sophomore Walter Sandoval.



Sanders



Girls' Varsity Tennis: Wendy Colburn, Marcy Horvath, Angie Foster, Karen Flach, Michelle Roque, Adrienne Samardzija, Susanna Rains, Ljubica Djordjevic.

# Tennis

## Teams' spirit equals winning season

by Sheri Conrick and Cyndi Horn

"A physical activity, especially one with a set form and body of rules," is the definition of a sport, according to Webster's Dictionary.

Does this include tennis?

It looks so easy. The object is to get a small yellow ball in between two white lines on a green court. People in the movies play all the time without even looking tired.

This is a common tennis myth. The members worked hard to earn their right to stay on the tennis team. Work included long hours of practice, lots of running to condition and keep in shape, lessons, summer camps and the sacrifice of their time all year long, not just during the season. Even with all the work, the team felt that it was worth it.

Sophomore Adrienne Samardzija said, "The more we practice, the better we get."

Senior Marcy Horvath said, "You never get anywhere without long practices, hard work and determination. You'll never get downstate."

It also took time to plan their goals.

"My personal goal was to have a winning season in doubles. My team goal was to beat

Valpo and to win sectionals," said Angie Foster, junior.

Brian Murphy, sophomore, said, "Some of my goals were to play varsity singles and to win sectionals."

Curt Hamilton, junior, said that his goals for the season were to "become the number one singles player on the JV team and to try my best."

Some of their goals were achieved, and even those who didn't achieve their goals had fulfilling seasons. Brian said that he did achieve his goal of playing varsity singles. While the boys' team had a successful season, some members could find room for improvement. Curt said that he may have been able to improve if he had attended more practices. Brian said that he felt they could have put more effort into the season.

Team spirit also plays a major role in a team's performance. The girls' team started out the year with almost 40 members, an unusually big team, which left more girls able to cheer.

"The team spirit was really high. We had lots of cheering, and it helped our performance during matches," said Michelle Roque, junior. "Having such a big team helped because we

had more members to cheer during the matches."

"Our spirit was awesome. We cheered all the time. We support each other a great deal," said co-captain, senior Susanna Rains. "The size was good because we had a lot more depth. To me, the more the merrier."

When so much time is spent together, special friends and memories are made.

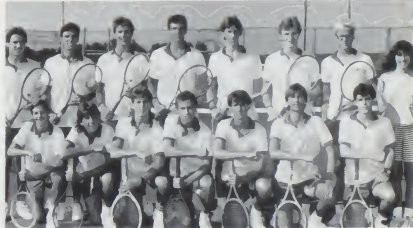
"Everyone got along great, and it was hard to compete with your friends," said Kelly Jannasch, sophomore.

"We all get along perfect. Everybody is really close. It's like we've been friends forever," said Angie.

"Being on the tennis team has been the greatest experience of my high school career," said Marcy.

In the end, the girls were less worried about the record. They were more worried about whether they did their best for the team.

"Whatever the season outcome is, I think that we as a team should be happy with ourselves for working hard during the year, and there is nothing more we can ask for as long as we did our best," said Adrienne.



Boys' Varsity Tennis—Front Row: Richard Miotke, Mike Malaski, Jason Reese, Walter Sandoval, Brian Murphy, Scott Vuko, Brian Terwilliger. Back Row: Dan Olson, Glen Brechner, Doug Beddome, Eric Powers, Chad Kestner, Scott Kirtland, Scott Milligan, Mgr. Susanna Rains.

Striving to do her best is sophomore Heather Smith. At the Andean Relays, Heather won the hurdle relay.

# SCOREBOARD

## Girls' Track 2-6

PHS	OPP
3rd Lake Central	60
52 LaPorte	88
30 Rogers	59
57 Hobart	67
50 Chesterton	32
86 Merrillville	73
45 Valparaiso	32
57 E.C. Central	59
57 Gary Roosevelt	4th
Andean Invite	5th
Conference	7th
Sectional	14th
Regionals	



Junior Vicki Pyke swiftly glides over the bar. She placed in the high jump at the Duneland Conference meet.

Alicia Ewen, Junior, prepares to throw the discus as far as she can. Alicia finished second in the discus against Gary Roosevelt.



# Track

## Weather slows season's start

by Maria Pallick  
and Faith Wygle

The girls' track finished its season, 2-6. Most team members said they improved during the season, even though their overall record was not good.

One individual placed at state. Shelly Ardell, senior, was fifth in the long jump at 17'11-1/2".

Marissa Jones, sophomore, said, "We worked really hard. The meets were close, but overall it (the season) wasn't very good."

According to sophomore Wendy Sulich, "The distance girls improved their times and the sprinters learned to work together." "We did pretty well. We had a few disappointments with personal goals, but overall it worked out pretty well," said Niki Garavalia, sophomore.

Marissa added, "We improved, but it didn't show in meets and wins."

Niki added, "We improved, but that's going to happen with more and more practices-people gain strength and

improve."

A highlight, according to several girls, was the way the team worked as a unit.

"Our team spirit was really great. All of the people were working really hard, especially the freshmen," said Michele Ailes, sophomore.

"We all got along together pretty well," added sophomore Julie Rhody.

This was not surprising, considering all of the time that the girls had to spend together during practices. According to Julie Knapp, freshman, the girls came to practices every school day for 45 minutes to an hour and a half. They sacrificed Saturday mornings for practice.

"You had to be dedicated, and you had to want to overcome the times when you didn't want to practice," commented Michele about the commitment it took to be on the team.

Julie Rhody said that before a meet, she usually ate foods with a lot of carbohydrates, such as pizza and pasta, to

boost her energy level.

Julie Rhody said that the high point of year for her was "meeting all of the new people and just having fun."

Wendy said the team should have worked together more. "We didn't work well as a team. We tried individually more than as a team. We were more worried about our individual goals," she said.

Vicky Brown, junior, added, "We didn't have enough team support. After we lost a lot of meets, the team just got discouraged."

Junior Suzie Bumbales agreed, "Overall as a team, we could have done better. We didn't work well as a team."

Although the record of the team was not exactly what they had hoped, the girls said that the distance running and the 100 and 200 sprints were definitely their best events.

Wendy summed up by saying that the team "cheered each other on and helped each other out."



**Girls' Track**—Front Row: Erin Lambert, Trena Papageorge, Carrie Gagna, Alicia Ewen, Donna Demmon, Dawn Ford, Suzanne Bumbales, Aurorra Augustine, Marissa Jones. Row 2: Wendy Sulich, Shelli Gibson, Julie Knapp, Stacey Ailes, Sirrena Lagneau, Christine Estes, Trisha Springer, Jennifer Bonner, Gretchen Westerkamp, Laura Pegely, Coach Connie Bennett. Row 3: Michelle Gibson, Vicky Brown, Lora Windsheimer, Vicki Pyke, Shelly Ardell, Stephanie Ailes, Christy Wilson, Jessica Shreve, Angie Vastui, Jeannie Vourazenti. Back Row: Coach Dale Faddy, Nancy Andrich, Michele Ailes, Julie Rhody, Niki Garavalia, Heather Smith, Keli Mattix, Marisa Krenkel, Rachel Mahns, Coach Sue Newton, Brian Watson.

Junior Jeff Thomas glides through the air (with the greatest of ease) over the high jump bar.

# SCOREBOARD

## Boys' Track 10-0

PHS	OPP
62.5 Noll	44
101 Andean/ LaPorte	24.5
90 Rogers	26
86 Andean/ Calumet	37
97 Hobart	37
66 Chesterton	14
94 Merrillville	30
74 Valparaiso	61
Andean Relays	33
Chesterton	53
Conference	1st
Sectional	2nd
Regional	2nd
	6th



Erik Scheier, sophomore, gracefully crosses over the finish line as he breaks the ribbon.

Up and over! Senior Kevin Mattix goes for the gusto as he makes an attempt to get over the bar.

# Track

## Hard work pays off--boys undefeated

by Jean Plunkett

The runner was seen moving along at his own pace, not pausing or stopping--surely that would mean a loss. His feet kept pounding on the track, and he was sure that the wild crowd heard his heart as it beat within his chest.

The runner's breathing was heavy, but there was no time to worry about that. He concentrated on looking at the end of the track, trying to keep his mind on anything but this race.

Coach James McCabe, coaching track for the first time, commented that he liked to see interaction with the athletes. "I like to see them have success. Being on the track team teaches them discipline. Also, they learn that hard work is always necessary to perform."

"I enjoy watching an athlete progress," said Coach Tom Milteer, who has been coaching for 19 years at the elementary, middle and high school levels. "It's an equal opportu-

nity sport, the fairest considering you're dealing with a stopwatch and a tape measure."

"There's something for everyone in track. I like the competitive nature of track, because it's always fun to compete. I don't think there is really anything bad about track. I like everything about track," said junior Jason Casiano, who tripled in the Dunceland Conference, which was held May 10, in the 800, 1600 and 3200. Jason set a school record in the 800 at 1:57.26. Marc Timberman was seventh in the 3200 at 9:16.65. Marc Timberman was seventh in the 1600 at state with a 4:23.

Were there any bad aspects about this spring sport?

Junior Brian Reed said, "Although track is an individual sport, I liked the team efforts. However, what I really didn't like about track was the fact that the shot put and discus rings were so far away from the track areas, and we usually had to walk about a half a mile."

"Track can be fun, once the meets start," said Shawn Baugh, junior. "Otherwise, it seems that you have to be a masochist to enjoy it. However, practice is tough, especially before the meet season starts. I understand why we work so hard, but sometimes it gets a little ridiculous."

Sometimes it seems that a good luck charm, a ritual or even getting "psyched up" before a meet can help the track team members out. Listening to different kinds of music rated high.

"I psych up for a meet by listening to music. It calms my nerves and takes my mind off things," Shawn said.

Brian said "Usually, I get psyched up for a meet by listening to music. I would listen to Slayer or Kool Moe Dee. I guess it all depended on the mood I was in."

Jason also listened to music. "Before meets I would usually relax and listen to old Jethro Tull music."



Boys' Track--Front Row: Brian Halaschak, David Castellanos, Chris Hagan, Vince McCulloch, Jeremy Mathis, Dan Gue, John Zack, Morgan Hamlin, Jeff Thomas, Eric Nance. Row 2: David Lapine, Dave Bell, Sean Padlo, Larry Baker, Ron Warren, Shawn Baugh, Chad Szabo, Pete Zajack, Brian Reed, Josh Jordan, Eric Ramos. Row 3: John Frederick, Darrell Waddell, John Adamski, Jim Eagan, Pete Gudinas, Ro Guerrero, Shane Bolde, Chris Jones, Arthur Casillas, Erik Scheier. Row 4: Coach James McCabe, Chris Lynch, Todd Waugaman, Dee Cook, Thad Hadley, Bill Aukel, James Tinnel, Tim Mattix, Dennis Flanagan, Mark Croell, Roger Peek, David Urrlich. Back Row: Coach Tom Milteer, Steve Dixon, Jason Casiano, Michael Zimmerman, Jeff Baggs, Kevin Mattix, Dennis Kalina, George Huitman, Gerald Spiligerber, Marc Timberman, Tracy Sandoval, Jeff Bonez, Coach Tom Milakovic, Coach William Wilke.

**Freshman Nancy Andrich** attempts to bump the ball during the varsity match against Merrillville on Sept. 14. Nancy was the only freshman to play on the varsity team and to receive a volleyball letter. The freshman final season record was 13-2.

# SCOREBOARD

## Varsity Volleyball 15-9

PHS	OPP
2 Crown Point	1
0 Marquette	2
2 Washington Twp.	1
2 Wheeler	1
0 Elston	2
0 LaPorte	2
2 Lake Station	1
2 Chesterton	1
1 Clark	2
2 Lake Central	1
2 Morton	1
2 Merrillville	0
2 Highland	0
0 Kankakee Valley	2
2 Lowell	0
2 Lake Station	0
2 Chesterton	1
0 Rogers	2
0 Valparaiso	2
0 Noll	2
2 Hobart	1
2 Gavit	0
Sectionals	
2 Andean	0
1 Valparaiso	2

JV Record: 10-16

**Forearm passing the ball** is senior varsity player Carrie Ellenwood. Carrie played volleyball all four years of high school.



**Freshmen Volleyball**—Front Row: Mgr. Lora Windsheimer, Courtney Perkins, Amy Mattix, Melissa Stitts, Carrie Lilly, Mgr. Jeannie David. Row 2: Rosie Jovanovic, Shannon McAllister, Tracie Spligerber, Melissa Bunk, Kathy Carrasco. Back Row: Mgr. Shawn Ravn, Mgr. David Jennings, Michelle McKinney, Lora Phegley, Deanna Taylor, Coach Phyllis McVicker.

Attempting to set the ball is sophomore Kelly Jannasch at the Merrillville match. According to Coach Kovalow, the JV team gained a lot of knowledge and experience to help prepare themselves for future volleyball seasons.



# Volleyball

## Family-like atmosphere unites team

by Sheri Conrick

"Great team work, good attitudes, good friends and lots of fun," were some of the comments made by JV coach Jodi Keyak to summarize the season.

"The athletes played well as a team. The team got along fine. No season or team is perfect. The players didn't allow personal conflicts to interfere with their court play," said Varsity Coach Cheryl Kovalow.

"The spirit was really high. We always wanted to win. If we lost, we didn't blame one individual person. We all worked together kind of like a family," varsity player Jeny Walker, junior, said.

"Our team showed a lot of team spirit. We all cheered each other on. It's great to hear varsity cheering for you. We did a lot of things like toilet papering houses for tournaments and sectionals. The varsity did the JV for our tourney, and we did the varsity for their sectionals," said Tammie Co-

sich, sophomore, JV player.

She added, "The most fun part of the season also had to do with spirit. It was when the JV players got to toilet paper the varsity players' houses. Our coach Jodi Keyak took all of us in her van at 10:30 at night before the sectional game. We started out with 50 rolls, but that was not enough so we bought 100 more at Town and Country. The clerk at the check out was laughing at us, saying, 'I hope it's not my house.' I never had so much fun in my life. We were all together having just as much fun off the court as we do on."

Coach Keyak agreed, "The funniest moment was when we t'd the varsity team houses for sectionals. All the girls were truly artists."

Varsity team members didn't have a moment they agreed on that they all had fun.

Senior varsity player Tracey Kunstek said that the most fun was the Volleyball-a-thon. That was where the team

played three hours of non-stop volleyball to raise money.

"Everyone had lots of fun, and we were all in a great mood. We had a lot of fun," she said.

Varsity and JV players also had a technique where before a game they listed their goals. This has been a tradition ever since Coach Kovalow has been coaching.

"Listing your goals helps you to organize your thoughts. There's two types of preparation for a game—physical and mental. You can't leave either of them out. It would be like being half prepared," said Kelly Jannasch, sophomore JV player.

Tracey agreed, "It helps us to get ready for a game. It makes it better if you can accomplish them."

Varsity also had its best season record this year, according to Coach Kovalow.

"This was one of the best seasons and a great way to end my senior year," said Tracy.



JV Volleyball—Front Row: Greta Rondinelli, Jodi Wahman, Kim Shuster, Mandy McKeown, Leanne Shukitis. Back Row: Kelly Jannasch, Kim Crosslin, Jennifer Andrich, Tammie Cosich, Debra Foster, Coach Jodi Keyak.

Varsity Volleyball—Front Row: Jeny Walker, Carrie Ellenwood, Janet Hall, Melissa DeViney, Jennifer Kiest. Back Row: Tracy Kunstek, Tami Tharp, Tracey Schultz, Tami Philpott, Wendy Stanley, Coach Cheryl Kovalow.

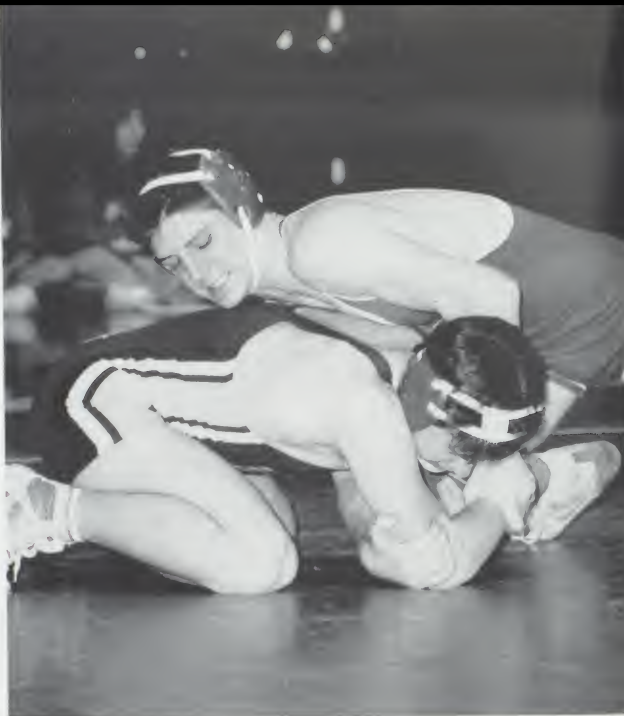
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Trying to get a reversal against his opponent from MC Rogers is freshman Paul Palichuk.

Attempting to get a take down is sophomore Ken Marrs. Ken's season record for the season was 1-2.



# Wrestling

## Season ends up with a winning record

by Cyndi Horn

The desire to work hard to increase skill, the will to succeed in everything they do, the motivation to learn self-control and the confidence to possess their own strong belief in themselves. These are a few of the things, according to the wrestlers on the team, that it takes to be a good wrestler.

Junior Shannon Goins said, "Wrestling is a sport that takes a lot of concentration. Your body and mind takes a lot of physical and mental beatings. It is not just two guys rolling around on the floor, like some may think."

Almost every wrestler on the team had at least one really trying and exhausting match, that stands above all others in his own mind.

For George Mamounas, junior, his toughest match was in the Chesterton meet at home. "My opponent wasn't the toughest I have ever wrestled, but the fact that the team was down by a few points made it very hard. It all depended on me. I came through, though,

and scored 20 points in that match, to beat the kid and to take the team to a five-point victory."

Senior Randy Scott said his toughest meet was against Chesterton, also. He won his match with a close score of 12-11.

Through the toughest meets and matches, the team members, in the end, came out with a very impressive season record. Senior Dave Nedoff said, "I had a good season. My record was 29-4-1. Part of me is happy with it, but I always wished it would have been perfect."

George's overall record for the season was 19-7. He suffered an injury to his left knee a week before sectionals, which prevented him from competing there. He said, "I sometimes wonder about how my season could have been if I would have been able to finish."

"I feel I could've done better, but I let myself down by cutting weight too fast in a couple of meets," said Randy. "My record for the season was

28-8."

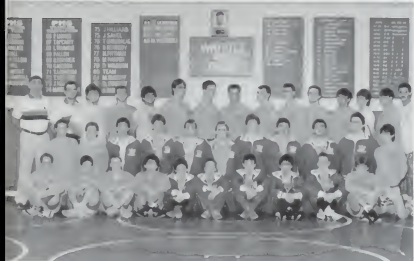
Shannon's record was 24-10. He said, "My personal goals didn't work out."

With all of the individual team members doing so well, the team as a whole benefitted. It ended the season with a 5-0-1 record tying with 1989 state champion Chesterton.

George said, "I believe we had a pretty good year. We started the season off strong with the attitude that we were unbeatable. Although some members of the team had a little trouble with their weight, I think we have proved we are unbeatable."

Shannon said, "I thought that the team really came together. We pulled through."

Randy, looking back on the season, said, "I really wish I could have achieved my goal that I set at the beginning of the year, which was to go to state. I think the team had a good season. Somehow we stuck together and pulled through."



**Wrestling—Front Row:** Tim Hall, David Roman, Rob Russell, Chris Nedoff, Jeremy Rivas, Eric Wilson, Randy Scott, Dave Nedoff, Shannon Goins, Josh Peruhn. **Row 2:** Eric Thompson, Dennis Romk, Mark Joseph, Mike Huska, Joe Allen, Drake Overturn, Donovan Degastano, Mike Alaniz, George Mamounas, Jeff Medley, Steve Munoz. **Back Row:** Coach Bruce Sheriff, Coach Larry Tharp, Ryan Ashby, Ken Marrs, Mike Mamounas, Brian Smolnick, Paul Palichuk, Joe Warren, Ben Rodgers, Joe Coons, Hal Kilgore, Tony Girgenti, Sean Goodrich, Andy Baker, Steven Batista.



**Matamoras—Front Row:** Gloria Escabalceta, Kim Baker, Collette David, Tina Veden, Jeannie Peelle. **Back Row:** Coach Bruce Sheriff, Elizabeth Hannon, Adrienne Patty, Yolanda Razo, Karen Alaniz, Coach Larry Tharp.

# Area affects the lives of students

by Carrie Zebley

School isn't the only thing that affected students' lives. There was a life for students outside of the school. There were a lot of activities which brought these two worlds together.

There were such things as the car wash held by the Pom Pons during the summer, the house that was built in Portage by the Building Trades class, and the Leadership classes that visited the grade school once a week to teach PE to the elementary school students.

A few changes were also made in the area, such as the construction of the apartments across from the school on Airport Road. The change of Willowcreek Road from a two-lane to a four-lane road caused some problems for students traveling to and from school.

There were also events which benefitted the community that the school participated in. One of these was the American Red Cross blood drive held on Dec. 8, in which students were permitted to leave class to donate blood. Another event that the school organized was Operation Turkey, which was a Thanksgiving food drive run by the Student Council. There were 20,763 cans collected, which was a larger total than was ever collected by the Student Council in the past.

A great many activities took place which helped to unite the school and the community. These activities in the area all had their effect on the lives of students.

At a Pom Pon carwash, seniors Brenice Summerfield and Kim Hurst were busy spraying a car. The Pom Pons had fun while raising money to sponsor their events. (Miller Photo)





Operation Turkey, the Student Council food drive, held Nov. 17 through 23, was the most successful food drive ever held at the school. Senior Debbie Macys, Student Council member, is busy counting and putting cans into boxes. (Sanders photo)

At a banquet for area realtors, Mr. Rhode and Mr. Conway enjoyed a meal with Mrs. Yvonne Yohs. Mrs. Yohs was a representative of Olsen Real Estate. (Miller Photo)



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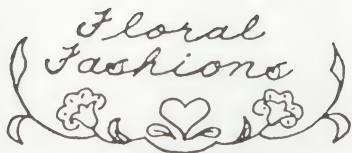
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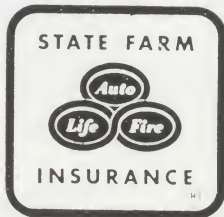
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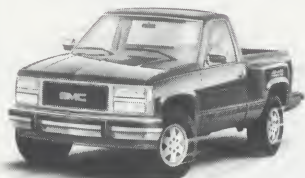
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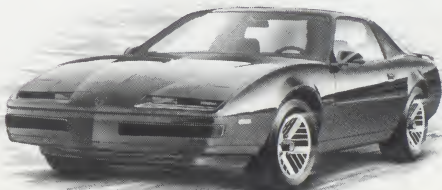
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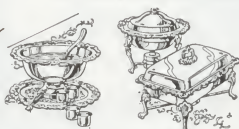
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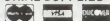
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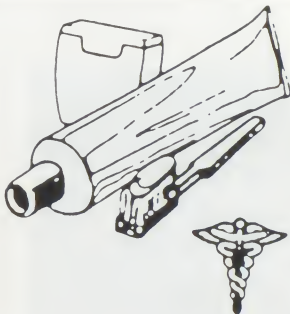
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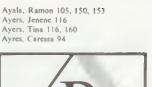
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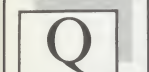
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## Colophon

Members of the '90 Legend produced the 49th edition of this book during one class period per day and after school.

The 1990 Legend was printed by Jostens, State College, PA. Mr. Mike Hackleman served as sales representative, while Karen Stariha was the plant consultant.

The book consisted of 240 pages. The 1,650 copies that were produced were printed on 80 lb. gloss paper. The cover was designed with the help of a Jostens professional artist, Rick Brooks. Most copy is set in 10 pt. and most captions in 8 pt. IDs are written in 7 pt., and headlines range in size from 18 pt. to 72 pt. Index is set in 6 pt. Times.

For the first time, the Macintosh computers were used to create pages. Two sections were done entirely using the Yeartech program.

Root Photographers, 1131 W. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL, was the official school photographer and produced portraits and some candids. Some photographs were produced in the publications department darkroom by the photography staff.

The yearbook was distributed in the fall of '90. First sold for \$13, the book increased to \$16, then \$21.

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# An image never to be matched

by Carrie Zebley

The many events and activities that took place during the year had a major effect on the students of PHS. One item that changed the look of the school was the Indian head that the senior class donated and dedicated to the front of the PHS East building.

Something new that was seen this year was the addition of the first student credit union in the state of Indiana. Within the first month, 270 members had joined the credit union. Local politicians and leaders were at the grand opening ceremony along with many other honored guests. The credit union was a project established by the COIL classes.

For the first time since the new PHS building was built 10 years ago, the annual graduation ceremony was held in the football stadium, instead of the gymnasium.

A new look this year was the Bart Simpson fad. "I'm Bart Simpson. Who the hell are you?" shirts accompanied pins, signs and other Bart paraphenalia.

Many changes were also made in the world, that had an effect on the lives of the students. The death of AIDS victim Ryan White, along with destruction of the Berlin Wall, were just two of the events that changed the way many people view things.

No one can really be sure of what the Look is that we tried to achieve, but it is definite that whatever you are looking for, We've Got It.

Dedicating the Indian head that the class of '90 presented to the school, was senior class president Jason Reese. For the first time, all of the seniors were dismissed from class to attend the ceremony that was held in the front of the East building. (Miller photo)





The belching contest was one of the most popular events at the Student Council Lock-in. Sophomore Dan Uzelac was a contestant in this and also the pie eating contest. (Evans photo)



Enjoying the company of the children at Leadership camp was senior Bill Dishno. Leadership camp is held every year in May, by the students in the Leadership class. Miss Bernita Adkins, the teacher of the class and camp for 23 years, has decided to hand the program over to Mr. Bill Wilke. Mr. Wilke said that the camp teaches "organization skills, self-confidence, making decisions, dealing with kids and sharing with peers." (Shuster photo)



**The look on the face of senior Nicki Petersen** was one of sheer amazement, as she received her third quarter report card. "I was a little shocked with my math grade," she said. The several looks that were created in the minds of the students were different for each. There were many new images produced that will be remembered by everyone involved with the school for a long time. (Miller Photo)



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the health and social care of older people. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- Older people should be able to live independently and actively in the community.
- Older people should be able to access the services and support they need.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and support.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives, including:

- To improve the health and well-being of older people.
- To improve the social care and support available to older people.
- To improve the housing and living conditions of older people.
- To improve the transport and accessibility of services for older people.

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